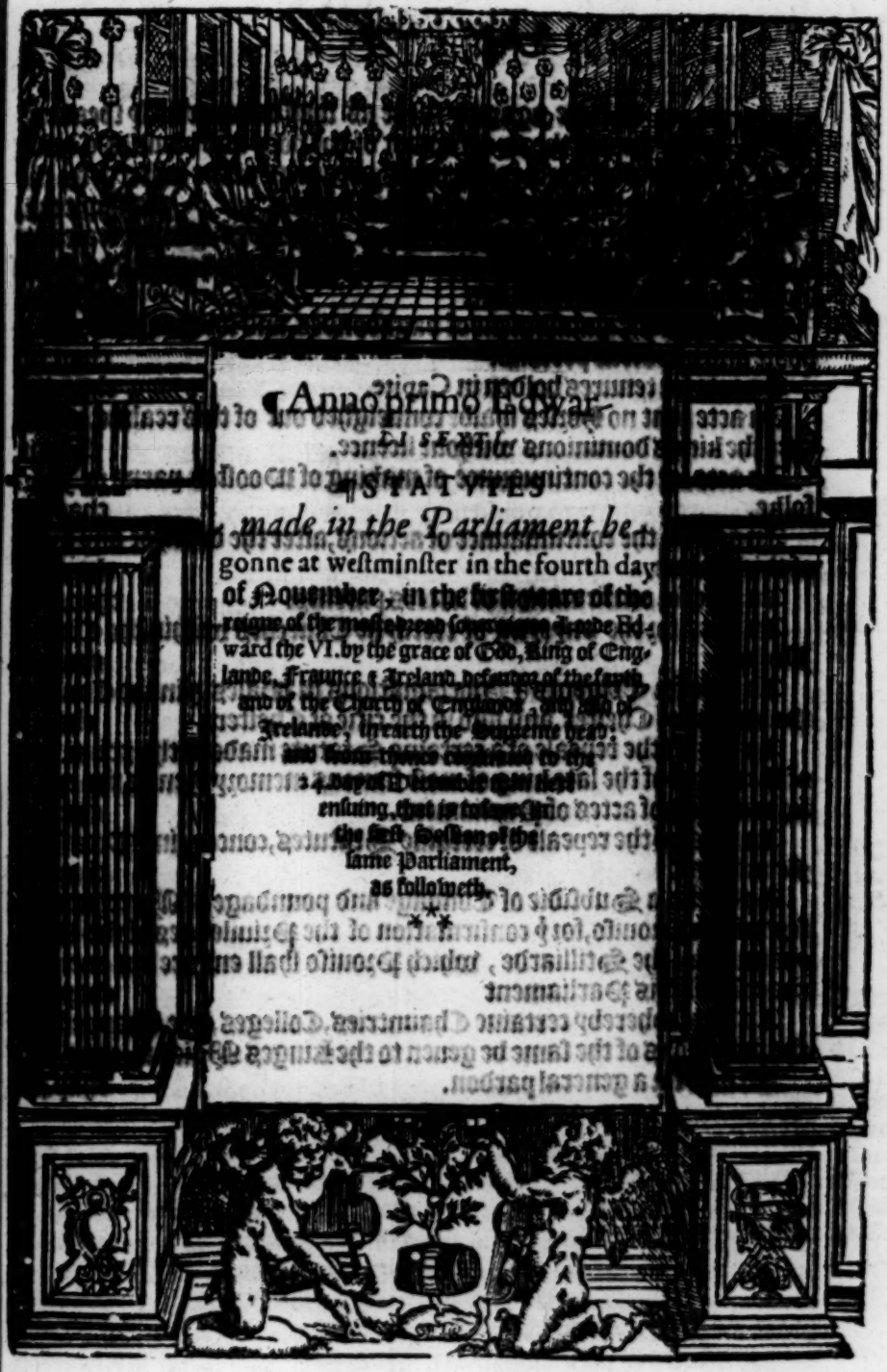

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¶ Anno primo Edwar-
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¶ STATVTES
made in the Parliament be-
gonne at westminster in the fourth day
of Nouember, in the first yeare of the
reigne of the most dread sovereigne Lorde Ed-
ward the VI. by the grace of God, King of Eng-
lande, Fraunce & Ireland, defender of the faith
and of the Church of Englande, and also of
Ireland, in earth the Supreme head:
and from thence continued to the
24. day of December then next
ensuing, that is to saue, In
the first Session of the
same Parliament,
as followeth.

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The Table.

An Acte against suche as shall vnreuerently speake against the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, [illegible] called the Sacrament of the aulter, & for the [illegible] in both kindes. Chapitre [illegible]

[illegible] of Labourers, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of vagabondes, and for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

An acte for tenures holden in Capite. chap. [illegible]

An acte that no Horses shalbe conueighed out of this realme, [illegible] the kings dominions without licence. chap. [illegible]

An acte for the continuaunce of making of Woosted yarne in Norfolke. chap. [illegible]

An acte for the continuaunce of actions, after the death of any [illegible] of this realme. chap. [illegible]

An acte for confirmation of letters patents. chap. [illegible]

An acte for the vnyeyng of certayne Churches within the Citie of Yorke. chap. [illegible]

An acte for Exigents & Proclamations in Wales, & in the Countie Palantine of Chester, and also in the citie of Chester. chap. [illegible]

An act for the repeale of a certaine Statute made in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of the late king of most famous memory Henrie the eyght for reuoking of actes of Parliament. chap. [illegible]

An acte for the repeale of certaine Statutes, concerning Treasons, Felonies &c. chap. [illegible]

An act for a Subsidie of Tonnage and poundage of Marchaundyses with a Prouiso, for ye confirmation of the Priuiledges of the Marchauntes of the Stilliarde, which Prouiso shall endure but onelye to the ende of this Parliament chap. [illegible]

An Acte whereby certaine Chauntries, Colleges, free Chappellas, & the possessions of the same be geuen to the Kinges Maiestie. chap. [illegible]

An acte for a general pardon. chap. [illegible]

ſpeake againſt the Sacrament of the body and bloud of Chriſte, commonly called the Sacrament of the Aulter: & for the receyuing thereof vnder both kindes.

¶ The firſt Chapiter.

THE kinges moſt excellent Maieſty minding the gouernaunce & order of his moſt louyng ſubiects to be in moſte perfite vnitie and concord in al thinges, & in eſpecial, in the true faith & Religion of God, & wiſhinge the ſame to be brought to paſſe with all clemency and mercy, on his highneſſe parte towardes them, as hys moſte Princely ſerenity & Maieſty hath alreadie declared by euident proofe to thintent that his moſt louinge ſubiectes prouoked by clemency & goodnes of their Prince & king, ſhall ſtudy rather for loue, thē for feare to do their dueties, firſt to almighty God, & then to his highnes & the common wealth, nouriſhing concord and loue among themſelues: yet cōſidereth & perceiueth that in a multitude al be not on that ſort, that reaſon and the knowledge of their dueties cā moue them from offence, but many, which had neede haue ſome bridle of feare, and that the ſame be men moſt contencious and arrogant for the moſt part or els moſte blinde and ignorant: by the meanes of which ſorte of men, many things well & godly inſtituted, and to the edification of many, be peruerted and abuſed, & turned to their owne & others great loſſe and hinderance, & ſome time to extreme deſtruction: the which doth appere in nothing more or ſoner, then in matters of Religion, and in the great & high miſteries thereof, as in the moſt comfortable Sacrament of the body & bloud of our ſauiour Ieſus Chriſt, commōly called the Sacrament of the Aulter, and in ſcripture, the ‡Supper and *Table of the Lord, the ‡Communion* and partaking of the body & bloud of Chriſte: which Sacrament was inſtituted of no leſſe auctho, thē of our Sauiour, both God & man, when at his laſt ſupper emongſt hys Apoſtles he did take the bread into his holy hands, & did ſaye ‡ Take you & eate, this is my body, which is* geuen & ‡broken for you. And taking vp the *Chalice or cup, did ‡geue thankes & ſay, This is my bloud of the newe teſtamēt, which is ſhed for you* & for ‡many, for the remiſſion of ſinnes, ẏ ‡whenſoeuer we ſhould do ẏ ſame, we ſhould do it in ẏ remēbrance of him, & to declare & ſet forth his death & moſt glorious paſſion, vntill his cōming. Of ẏ which* bread, whoſoeuer eateth, or of ẏ which cup whoſoeuer drinketh vnworthely, eateth & drinketh cōdempnation & iudgement to him ſelfe, making no difference of the Lordes body. The inſtitution of which Sacrament beynge ordeyned by Chriſte, as is before ſaid, and the ſaide woordes ſpoken of it here before rehearſed, being of eternal, infallible, & vndoubted trueth: yet the ſaid Sacramēt (all this not withſtanding) hath been of late merueilouſly abuſed by ſuche ma-

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‡ Math. 26.
* Luke. 22.
‡ 1. Cor. 11.
* Math. 26. Marke. 14.
‡ Marke 14
* Luke. 21.
‡ Marke 14
* Math. 26
‡ 1. Cor. 11
* 1. Cor. 11.

ner of men beefore rehearſed, who of wickednelle, or els of ignorannce & want of learning for certein abuſes, heretofore committed of ſome, in miſuſing therof, haue condempned in their harts and ſpeache, ỳ whole thing, and contempteouſly depraued, deſpiſed, or reuiled the ſame moſt holy and bleſſed Sacrament, and not onely diſputed & reaſoned vnreuerently and vngodly of that moſte high miſterye, but alſo in their ſermons, preachinges, readings, lectures, communications, arguments, talkes, rimes, ſonges, plaies, or geſtes, name, or call it by ſuch vile and vnſemely woordes, as Chriſtian eares doe abhorre to heare rehearſed: for reformation whereof be it enacted by the kings highneſſe with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpiritual and temporal, & of the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that whatſoeuer perſon or perſones, from, and after the firſt daye of Maye next comming, ſhal deprane, deſpiſe or contempne the ſayd moſt bleſſed Sacrament, in contempt thereof by any contempteous woordes, or by any woordes of deprauing, deſpiſing, or reuiling: or what perſon, or perſons, ſhal aduiſedly in any otherwiſe cõtempne, deſpiſe, or reuile ỳ ſayd moſt bleſſed Sacrament, contrary to the effectes, & declaration aboue ſaide, that then hee, or they, ſhall ſuffer impriſonment, of his, or their bodies & make fine & raunſome at the kinges wil & pleaſure.

And for full and effectuall execution of the premiſſes beefore deuyſed, ordeined, and enacted by this act: be it furthermore enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that immedialy after the firſt daye of May next comming, the Juſtices of peace, or three of them at ỳ leaſt wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery ſhire of this Realme and Wales, and al other places within the kings dominions, ſhal haue ful power and aucthoritie by vertue of this act, aſwel to take informacion and accuſation by thothes and depoſicions of two able, honeſt, & lawful perſons at the leaſt, and after ſuch accuſation, or information ſo had to enquire, by the othes of xij. men, in euery their .iiij. quarter ſeſſyons yerely to be holden, of all and ſinguler ſuch accuſatiõs, or informations to be had, or made of any of the offences aboueſaid, to be committed, or done after the ſaide firſt day of May, within the limites of their commiſſion: and that vpon euery ſuch accuſation and information, the offendour and offendours ſhalbe inquired of, & indicted beefore the ſaide Juſtices of peace, or three of thẽ at ỳ leaſt, as is afore ſaid, of the ſaid cõtemptes and offences, by the verdict of xij. honeſt, and indifferent men if the matter of the ſaid accuſation & information ſhal ſeme to the ſaide Jury good and true.

And it is alſo further enacted by the aucthoritie afore ſayde, that the ſaide Juſtices of peace, or three of them at the leaſt, as is afore ſayd, beefore whom any ſuche preſentment, information, and accuſation ſhal be made, or taken as is afore ſaide, ſhall examine the accuſors, what other witneſſe were by, and preſent at the time of the doing and committing

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of thoffence: wherof the information, accusation, & presentment shalbe made, and how many others thē the accusors, haue knowledge thereof: and shal haue power and auctheritie, by their discretions, to bind by recognisaunce to be taken before them aswel the said accusours, as all suche other persones, whom the same accusours shall declare to haue knowledge of the offences by them presented & informed euery of them in fiue poundes to the king, to appeare before the said Justices of peace before whom the offendour or offendors shalbe tried at the day of triall and deliuerance of such offendours.

And it is further enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that the sayde Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is abouesayde, by vertue of this acte, shall haue full power and auctheritie to make processe against euery person and persons so indicted by two Capias and an exigent, and by Capias vtlagat, aswell within the limittes of their cōmission, as into al other Shieres & places of this realme, Wales, and other the kinges dominions, aswel within the liberties as without, and the same processe to be good and effectual in the law to all intēts, constructions and purposes, & vppon the apparaunce of any of the offendours, shall haue full power & auctheritie by vertue of this acte, and the commission of peace, to determine the contemptes and offences aforesaide, according to the lawes of this Realme, and effectes of thys acte: and that the said Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is aboue sayd, shall haue full power and auctheritie to let anye suche persone, or persones so indicted, vppon suffycient suerties, by their discretions, to baile, for their apparaunce, to be tried according to the tenour, fourme, & effect of this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that the said Justices of peace or three of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offēdour or offendours shalbe or stand indicted of anye of the contemptes, or offences abouesayde, shall directe & awarde one writte in the kinges name to the Bishop of the Diocese, wherein the saide offence or offences are supposed to be committed, or done willing and requiring the sayde Bishoppe to be in his owne person, or by his Chauncellour, or other bys sufficient deputie learned, at the quarter Sessions in the said Countye to be holden when, & where the sayde offendour shalbee arreigned and tried, appointing to them in the said writ the day and place of the sayd arraignement, which writ shalbee of this fourme: Rex &c. Epo L. Salutem. Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, vel alius Deputatus tuus sufficient eruditus, sitis cū Iusticiarijs nostris ad pacem in cōm nostro B. conseruand' assignat apud D. tali die, ad Sessionem nostram, ad tunc & ibm̄ tenend' ad dand' cōsiliū & aduisament eisdem Iusticiarijs nostris ad pacē super arrainamēt & deliberationem offendent contra formā statuti, cōcerneñ sacro sanctum Sacramentum Altaris.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the auctheritie abouesayde

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that no person or persones shalbee indicted of any of the contemptes, or offences aboueſaid, but onely of ſuch contempts, or offences, as shal bee done, or perperrated within three monethes next after the sayde offences, or offence so committed or done.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that in al triales for any ſuch offendors before the said Justices, as is aforesaide, the person or persons being complained on & arraygned, shal be admitted to purge or trie his or their innocencie, by as many, or mo witneſſes in number & of as good honeſty & credence, as the witneſſes be, which deposed against him, or any of them.

And for almuche as it is more agreable, both to the first institution of the saide Sacrament, of the moſte precious bodie and bloud of oure Saniour Jeſus Christ, and also more comformable to the common vſe and practife both of the Apoſtles, and of the primatiue Churche, by the space of fiue hundreth yeres and more, after Christs ascention, that the saide blessed Sacrament ſhould be miniſtred to al Christian people vnder bothe the kindes of bread & wine, then vnder the fourme of bread onely: and also it is more agreable to the first institution of Christ, and to the vſage of the Apoſtles, and the primatiue Church, that the people being present ſhould receiue the same with the Priest, then & the priest ſhould receiue it alone: therfore be it enacted by our Soueraigne Lord the King with the consent of the lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that the said moſt blessed Sacrament be hereafter commonly deliuered, & miniſtred vnto the people, within & churches of England & Ireland, and other the kinges dominions vnder both & kindes, that is to say, of bread and wine, except hereafter other wise require: & also that the Priest which ſhall miniſter the same, ſhall at the leaſt one day before exhort all persons, which ſhalbe present, likewise to resort & prepare themselues to receiue the same. And when the day prefixed commeth, after a godly exhortation by the miniſter made (wherein ſhalbee further expreſſed the benefite & comfort promiſed to them, which worthely receiue the holy Sacrament, and daunger & indignation of God threatned to them, which ſhal presume to receiue the same vnworthely to the ende that euery man may trie and examine his owne conſcience before he ſhal receiue & same) the ſaid miniſter ſhal not without a lawful cauſe denie the same to any person, that wil deuoutly and humbly desire it: any lawe, ſtatute, ordinaunce, or cuſtome contrary thereunto in any wiſe notwithſtanding, not condemning hereby the vſage of any church out of the kinges Maieſties dominions.

An Acte for the election of Biſhoppes, and what Seales and ſtile they, and other Spiritual persons exerciſing iuriſdiction Eccleſiaſtical ſhal vſe.

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¶ The .ij. Chapiter.

Forasmuche as the election of the Archebyshoppes and Byshoppes by the Deanes and Chapiters, within the Kynges Maiesties Realmes of Englande and Irelande, at thys present time, bee aswell to the longe delaye, as to the great costes and charges of suche persones, as the Kinges Maiestie geeneth anye Archebishoprich, or Bishoprich vnto: and where as the sayde elections bee in verie deede no elections, but onelye by a writte of Conge deslier haue colources, shadowes or pretences of elections, seruinge neuerthelesse to no purpose, a seming also derogatorie and preiudicial to the kinges prerogatiue roial, to whom onelye apperteyneth the collation and gifte of all Archebishoprickes, and Bishoprickes, and Suffragain Bishoppes, within his highnesse sayde Realmes of Englande, and Ireland, Wales, and other his dominions and Marches: For a due reformation hereof, be it therefore enacted by the kinges highnesse with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by aucthority of the same, that from henceforth, no such Conge deslier be grauuted, nor election of any Archebishoppe or Bishoppe, by the Deane and Chapiter made: But that the kyng may by his letters patents at al times, when any Archbishopricke, or Bishopricke be voyde, conferre the same to anye person whom the king shall thinke meete. The which collation so by the kinges letters patentes made, and deliuered to the person, to whom the king shall conferre the same Archebishoprick or Bishopricke, or to hys sufficient Proctour and Attourney, shall stande to al intents, constructions and purposes, to asmuche and the same effecte, as though Conge deslier had ben geuen, the election duely made, and the same cōfirmed: and that vpon the saide persone, to whom the sayde Archebishopricke, Bishoprick, or Suffraganshippe is so conferred, collated, or geuē, may be consecrated, and sue his liuery, or ouster le maine, and do other thinges aswell, as if the saide ceremonies and elections had bene done and made.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, by aucthoritie abouesayd, that euery suche person, to whom any collation or gift of any Archebishopricke, Bishopricke, or Suffraganshippe shalbe geuen or collated by the king, his heires, or successours, shall pay, doe, and yelde to all and euery persone all suche fees, interestes, and dueties, as of olde time haue ben accustomed to be done: any thing in this act, or in any other, to the contrary hereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And where as the Archebishoppes and Bishoppes, and other Spiritual persons in this Realme do vse to make and send oute their sommons, citations, and other processe in theire owne names, and in suche fourme and maner, as was vsed in the time of the vsurped power of ẏ Bishop of Rome, contrary to the fourme and order of the summōs and

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proceſſe of the common lawe vſed in this realme, ſeing that all auctho-
ritie of iuriſdiction, Spirituall and temporal, is deryued and deducted
from the kynges Maieſtie, as ſupreme head of theſe Churches & Real-
mes of England and Ireland, and ſo iuſtly acknowledged by the cler-
gie of the ſaid Realmes, & that all courts eccleſiaſtical, within the ſayde
two Realmes be kepte by no other power, or auctho̅itie eyther fo-
reyne, or within the Realme, but by the auctho̅itie of hys moſte excel-
lent Maieſtie: Be it therefore further enacted by the auctho̅itie afore-
ſayde, that al ſummons & citations, or other proceſſe eccleſiaſtical, in all
ſuites and cauſes of iuſtaunce, betwixt party & party, and all cauſes of
correction, and al cauſes of baſtardie, or bigamie, or inquirie de iure pa-
tronatus, probates of teſtamentes, and commiſſions of adminiſtration
of perſones deceaſed, and all acquitaunces, of, and vppon accomptes
made by the executours, adminiſtratours, or collectours of goodes of
any dead perſon, be from the firſt daye of July next folowinge made in
the name, and with the ſtile of the king, as it is in writtes originall, or
iudicial at the common lawe: and that the teſte therof be in the name of
y Archbiſhop or Biſhop, or other hauing eccleſiaſtical iuriſdiction who
hath the commiſſion and graūt of the auctho̅itie Eccleſiaſtical immē-
diatly from the kynges highneſſe, and that his commiſſarie, officiall, or
ſubſtitute exerciſing iuriſdictiō vnder him, ſhall put his name in the ci-
tation, or proceſſe after the teſte.

Furthermore, be it enacted by auctho̅itie aforeſayde, that all maner
of perſon or perſons, who hath the exerciſe of eccleſiaſtical iuriſdiction
ſhall haue from the firſt daye of July before expreſſed, in their ſeales of
Office, the kynges highneſſe armes decently ſette with certein carects
vnder the armes, for the knowledge of the Dioces: and ſhall vſe no o-
ther ſeale of iuriſdiction, but wherein his maieſties armes be engraue̅
vpon peine that if any perſon ſhal vſe Eccleſiaſtical iuriſdicteon (after
the day before expreſſed) in this Realme of England, Wales, and other
his dominions, or territories, and not ſende, or make out the Citation,
or proceſſe in the kynges name, or vſe any ſeale of iuriſdiction, other thē
before limitted, that euerie ſuche offendour ſhall incurre, & runne in the
kynges Maieſties diſpleaſure, & indignation, and ſuffer impriſonment
at his highneſſe will & pleaſure.

Prouided alwaies, that no more, nor other fees bee taken, or paied for
the Seale & writing of any Citations, or other proceſſe, thē was here-
tofore accuſtomed.

Prouided alſo, and bee it enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſaide, that
the Archbiſhoppe of Cauntorbury for the time being, ſhal vſe his owne
ſeale, and in his owne name, in al faculties & diſpenſations, according
to the tenour of an acte thereof made: and that the ſayde Archbiſhops
and Biſhoppes ſhall make, admitte, order, and reſourme their Chaun-
cellours, Officialles, Commiſſaries, Aduocates, Proctours, and other

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thyr officers, ministers, & substitutes, & cõmissioners to Suffragaine, Bishops in their owne names, vnder their owne seales, in such maner & fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed: & shall certifye to the Court of Tenthes, their certificats vnder their owne names & seales, as heretofore they haue vsed, & accordinge to the statute in that case made & prouided: & likewise shal make collations, presentations, giftes, institucyons, and inductions of benefites, letters or orders, or dimissories: vnder their owne names & seales, as they haue heretofore accustomed: anye thing in this act conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by any Ecclesiastical person or persons, for the trial of any plea, or pleas, or matter dependynge, or that hereafter shal depend in any of the kings courts of Recorde, at the common lawe, & limitted by the lawes & customes of this Realme, to the spiritual courts to trie the same: that the certificat of ỳ same, after ỳ trial therof shalbe made in ỳ kings name, for ỳ time beinge, & with the stile of the same king, & vnder the seale of the Byshop, grauen wt the kings armes, with the name of the Bishop, or spiritual officer beyng to the reste of the same processe & certificat, & to euery of them.

¶ The. iij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the punishing of vagabounds, & for the relief of the poore and impotent persons.

FOrasmuch, as idlenesse & vagabondry, is the mother & roote of all theftes, robberies, & all euill actes, & other mischiefes, & the multitude of people geuen thereto hath alwaies ben here with in this realme very great, & more in nũber (as it may appeare) thẽ in other Regions, to ỳ great impouerishment of the realme, & daunger of ỳ kings highnes subiects: the which idlenes & vagabondry al the kinges highnes noble progenitors, kings of this realme, & this hygh Court of Parliament hath often and with great trauaile, gone about & assayed with godly actes & statutes, to represse, yet vntill this our time, it hath not had that successe, which hath bene wished, but partly by folishe pytie and mercy of them, which should haue seene the said godly lawes executed, partly by the peruerse nature, and long accustomed idlenesse of the persons geuen to loitering, the sayde godlye statutes hitherto haue had small effect, and idle and vagabonde persons, beinge vnprofitable members, or rather enemies of the commõ wealth, haue ben suffered to remain and increase, and yet so do, whom, if they should be punished by death, whipping, imprisonment, and with other corporall paine, it were not without their desertes for the example of others, and to the benefite of the cõmon wealth: yet if they coulde bee brought to be made profitable, and doe seruyce, it were muche to bee wished and desired:

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Be it therefore enacted by the kinges highnes, with the consent of the Lordes Spiritual & temporal & the commons in this present Parlyament assembled, & by auctho*ri*tie of the same, first that all statutes and actes of parliament heretofore made for the punishment of vagabonds & sturdy beggers, & all articles comprised in the same, shalbe frō henceforth repealed, voide & of none effect.

Secondlye, that whosoeuer, after the first daye of Aprill next following, man, or woman being not lame, impotent, or so aged, or diseased with sickenes, that he or she cannot worke, nor hauinge landes, or tenements, fees, annuities, or any other yerely reuenues, or profites whereon they may find sufficiently their liuing, shal, eyther like a seruing mā wanting a Master, or like a begger, or after anye suche other sorte, bee lurking in any house, or houses, or loytering, or idly wander by ẏ hyghwaies side, or in streetes, in cities, towns, or byllages, not applying thē selfe to some honest, and allowed arte, scyence, seruice, or labour, and so do continue by the space of three dayes, or more together, and not offer them selues to labour with any that wil take them, according to their faculty: & if no man, otherwise wil take them, do not offer them selues to woorke for meate and drinke, or after they be so taken to woorke, for the space agreed betwixt them & their master, doe leaue their woorke out of conuenient time, or run away: that then euery suche person shall be taken for a vagabonde, and that it shalbe lawful to euerie such master offring such idle person seruice, and labour, and that beinge by him refused, or who hath agreed wyth suche idle persone, and from whom within the space agreed of seruice, the said loyterer hath rūne away, or departed before the end of the couenaunt betwene them, and to any other person espying the same, to bringe or cause to be brought the sayde person so lyuing idly, and loiteringly, to two of the next Justices of the peace there resiaunt, or abiding, who hearinge the proofe of the idle lyuynge of the said person by the saide space lyuing idly, as is aforesayd, approued to them by two honest witnesses, or confession of the partye, shall immediatly cause the saide loiterer to be marked with an hoat Iron in the breast, the marke of V. and adiudge the saide person lyuynge so idly to suche presentour, to be his slaue: to haue and to holde the saide slaue to him, his executours, or assignes for the space of two yeres then next folowing, and to order the saide slaue, as foloweth: that is to say, to take suche person adiudged a slaue with him, and onely geuinge the saide slaue bread and water, or small drinke, and such refuse of meat as he shal thinke meete, cause the said slaue to woorke by beatinge, cheyning, or otherwise, in suche woorke and labour (how vile soeuer it be) as he shall put him vnto. And if any maner of slaue, eyther for loitering or for the cause before rehersed so adiudged, shal within the space of the sayde two yeares here appoynted runne awaye, departe, or absente him from his said master by the space of xiiij. daies together, without licence:

licence: It shal not only be lefull to his said master to pursue & reare him again by vertue of this acte, but also to punishe him by such like paines, or bearing, as is aforesaide: and against the deteyner, if any man do willingly deteine him, knowing him to bee a slaue, as is aforesayde to haue forfaicted vnto the kinges highnes the some of tenne pounds, besides the costes and charges of the suite for the deteininge of the saide slaue. And further, euery such master shewing, & proouing by two sufficient witnesses, the said offence and faulte of his runnaway may before two Justices of peace of the same Countie, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, the same Justices shall cause the slaue, or loyterer to bee marked on the forehead, or the cheeke with an hote yron, with the signe of an S, that he may be knowen for a loyterer, and a runner awaye, and shal iudge the loyterer, and runner away to be the saide Masters slaue forever. And if such slaue shall the seconde time runne away, or absent him selfe, if the saide Master shall approue the same before the like Justices at two sundrie seuerall courtes holden by the Justices of peace, in their generall and quarter sessions: then euerie such fault and running away to bee adiudged felony, and such loyterer and runner alsoo to be taken as a felon, and thereof being lawfully indicted and attainted, or otherwise condemned to suffer paines of death, as other felons ought to doe.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no clerke conuicted shall hereafter make his purgation, vppon such purgation be deliuered, and let at large, other wise then is in this Statute hereafter expressed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that euery clerke conuict, or hereafter to be conuicted, which shoulde by the order of the lawe enioye the benefite of their purgation, shall and may from henceforth finde any man (if they can) who shall be bounde vnto two sufficient suerties to the ordinary, in the summe of x li. to the kinges highnes vse, to retaine the said conuict as his slaue, and to keepe the sayd person so conuicted, for the space of one yere then next following, that he shall not go abroade, and at large, and then the sayde conuict shall be deliuered to the saide person so takinge the same, & being bounde, as is aforesaid, to be his slaue for one whole yere then next following by vertue of this acte, in all such maner and fourme, and to all such entents and purposes, & with all such order, lawes, conditions, & penalties for running away, or otherwise, as is aforesaid of a vagabond, & wandering & made a slaue, (burning in the brest onely excepted) and the ordinarie by the deliuerie of the saide conuict to such person being bounde, as is aforesaide, to be of the keeping of the said conuict clerely discharged, and exonerated by vertue of this acte.

And if so be that the sayde clerke so conuicte cannot finde anye man to be bounde, as is aforesaide, to whom he may bee adiudged a slaue in

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the space of one yere then at any time after thend of one yere, after his
conuiction, it shalbe lawful for the said Clerke conuict to make his pur-
gation, as he might haue done before this statute, any thing in this present act to
the contrarie notwithstanding. And where the Clarkes conuicted, or attaynted by the order of the
lawes of this Realme, cannot make their purgation, and should perpe-
tually by the same remayne in prison, be it neuertheless enacted by the
authoritie aforesaid, that if there be any maner of person, who will at
any time demaund the same Clerke conuicted, or attaynted, & be bound
to the ordinary by such sufficient sureties, as is aboue writē, to kepe
the same as his seruaūt, by the space of fiue yeres thē next following, that
then the same shalbe adiudged his slaue for the space, with all such or-
ders, lawes, and penalties, for runninge away, and other orders, as is
before expressed of a vacabunde adiudged to anye man for a slaue (the
intermedling in the meane tyme only except) vppon the adiudgement deliuered
to such demaundeant. And thordinarie from thence forth of the kepinge of
such Clerke conuicted, or attaynted, clerely exonerated, and discharged
by vertue of this acte.

And forasmuche as diuers lusty men and women goe on begging wan-
dering, of the which some be impotent and blame, & some able enough
to labour, whiche do carrie children about with them, some .iiij. or fiue
yeares of age or vnder, or elder, whiche brought vp in idlenesse might
be set ouer in it, that hardely they may be brought after to good thrifte
and labor: or if any childe aboue the age of fiue yeares, & vnder the age
of xiiij. yeares go idle wandring about as a vagabonde: bee it enacted
by the authoritie aforesaide, that if any maner of person will take any
such childe, bee it male, or female, of, and from any suche beggar beinge
the mother therof, nourisher or keper, whether they bee willing or not,
or without any suche notice, mother or keper by him selfe wanderinge,
and bringe the said childe so taken awaye before one of the Constables
of the parishe, and two other honest and discrete neighbours witnes-
ses, and before any Justice of peace there resiaunt, and abydinge, and
promisse to bring the same childe vppe in some honest labor, or occupatiō
till he or she come to the age of xx. yeares the woman childe, or xxiiij. the
man childe: that then and immediatly the saide Justice of peace & Co-
stable shal adiudge by vertue of this acte, the sayd childe vnto the ages
before specifyed to be seruauntes or apprentices to the saide persons so
taking and promissing to be vsed and ordered in all poyntes accordinge
as the lawe and custome of this Realme is of seruauntes and appren-
tices, to what labour, occupation, or seruice soeuer the sayd Master shal
appoynt him, or her, during the sayde time. And if it shall fortune suche
childe so adiudged to runne away at any time, once, or mo times, from
his or her master, or masters: that then it shalbe lawful for euerie suche
Master, to take the saide childe again, and to kepe and punish the said

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childe, in cheynes or otherwise, and vse him or her as hys slaue in all pointes, for the time before rehearsed, of the age of such childe, that is to say, till xx. the woman childe, and the man childe xxiiij.

Prouyded alwaies, that any Master, either of the men, or of the women so adiudged slaues, or of the children adiudged apprentices or seruauntes, may lett, set forth, sell, bequeath, or geue the seruice & labor of such slaues or seruantes, so adiudged, as is aforesaid, to any person or persons, to whom soeuer he will, vpon such condicion, and for such time of yeres, as the said persons be adiudged to him for slaues, seruauntes, or apprentices, after such lyke sort and maner, as he may doe of any other his moueable goodes or cattels: and they for the said space & time to be bounde to all points and constructions to such lessee, donee, vendee, or assignee, as they were to their first apprehenders and Masters, by vertue of this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any such slaue or slaues, or children so adiudged, shall at any tyme after such adiudgement, mayhem, or wounde, their Masters or Mistresses, in resisting their correction or otherwise, or when they be manumitted or set againe free, or in the time of their seruice, shall conspire with any other, or by themselues go about to murder & kyll or to maime, wounde, or beat the saide Master or Mistres, or any that was their Master or Mistresse, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their intent come to an acte tending to the effect: that then euery such mayme or wounde, or the going about to murder, kill, maime, wounde, or beate such person or persons, as bee, or were their Master or Mistresses, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their intent become to any acte tending to the same effect, as lying in wayte with weapon, or any such like, shalbe accompted Felony, and they shall suffer therefore paines of death, as in case of Felonie: except that any such person or persons, as be, or had bene Master or Maistresse to any of them, or hee refusing any other will take such person so offending to their slaues, & then he or she so offending to be adiudged to the person so willing to take him or her so offending slaue for euer, and thereupon to be discharged of the felonie. The same law & order to be had in all condicions, if it should chaunce the father, mother, nourice, or other the beater about of the child or any other person or persons, to steale away such childe adiudged apprentice or seruaunt, that is, to be slaue to such apprentices or seruants master, whose apprentice or seruaunt was so stollen or intiled away, for euer, & the Master neuertheles to take & receiue his said apprentice or seruant againe, as if the said taking away had neuer ben done.

Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that although there be no man which shal demaund such loiterer or loiterers, as before expressed into their seruice, yet neuertheless the Justice of peace in that citie, boroughe, towne, or hundred dwelling, if any suche bee, or els any other

Iustice of peace of the same Shire, and also there dwelling by hys or their office, shalbee hereafter bounde by vertue of this acte, not onely to inquire of all such ydle persons, but also if they doe espie any such vagabondes or ydle persons, or if any such bee detected vnto them, to examyne him or her of the tyme of their vagabondrye: and if it shall appeare to any Iustice of peace, any such man or woman to haue bene a vagraunt and vagabonde, or ydle person, by the space, as is aforesayd, to cause the same to be marked on the breast with an V. made with an hoate yron, and also to learne and inquire of him the Towne, Citie, or village wherein he was borne, and then shall immediatly geue a writyng in parchment, sealed with his seale to the said loyterer, of the tenor and forme which here ensueth. ¶ A.B. Iustice of peace in the countie of S. to the Maior or chiefe Officer of the citie of Q. (if it be a Citie or to the head Borough, Bailife, or Constable, or head officer of the towne of Q. (if it be a Towne) or to the Constable or Tythingman of the village of C. (if it be a Village) greeting. According to a most godly Statute, made in the first yeare of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lorde kinge Edwarde the sixt &c. we haue taken this bearer I.K. vagrauntlye, and to the euill example of others, without Master, seruice, or labor whereby to gette his lyuing, going loytering idlye about. And because the same saith, he was borne in C. in the countie of S. whereof you are the head officer or Constable. We haue sent him to you to be ordred, according to the purport and effect of the same Statute. And with thys writing shall deliuer the same loyterer to the Constables or other head officer of the said Citie, Towne, or village, wherein such loyterer was taken, to be safely conueighed by them to the nexte Constable, & so from Constable to Constables, & other head officers, till he or she be brought to the place, the which he or she hath named them selfe to bee borne in, and then to be deliuered to the head Officer or Constable of that same Citie, Borough, or Towne, village, hamlette, or Parishe, there to bee nourished and kept of the same Citie, Towne, or Village in cheynes, or otherwise, eyther at the common workes, in amending high waies, or other common worke, or from man to man in order, til they which may beare be equally charged, to be slaue to the corporation of the citie, or to the inhabitauntes of the towne or village, that he or she were borne in, after all such forme condicion, space of yeres, orders, punishments for running away, and al others, as are expressed of a common or priuate person, to whom any such loyterer is aiudged a slaue. And the said citie Towne or village shall see the said slaue being able to labour, sette on worke, & not lyue ydlie within the said precincte, vpon payne for euery such default that the said slaue doth lyue ydlie, by the default of the citie borroughe, or Towne, or Village, by the space of three working dayes together, the citie to forfait x. li. a Borough or towne incorporate xl.s. and other towne or village xx.s. whereof the one halfe to the kinge our

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soueraigne Lord, the other to him that will sue for the same, in any of the kings courtes of Record, by bill, information, or action of debt, in the which suites, no essoine, wager of law, or protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided and be it enacted, that the Citie, Towne, and borough corporate, by the consent of the more part of the corporation, & the towne and village not corporate, by the consent of the more part of the inhabitaunts thereof, may sett, sell, or geue away, the right, title, & interest of the said slaue, to any other person, as any other common or priuate person may do with his slaue, by the vertue of this acte.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that if it fortune when the saide vacabond is brought to the said Citie, towne, or village, where the said person said he was borne, to appere & be manifest, that he or shee was not there borne: that then for such lye, the said vagarant shalbe marked in the face with an S. and be slaue to the inhabitants or corporation of the Citie, Towne, or village, where the said vagarant saide hee was borne in, for euer, vpon such condicions and orders, in all pointes, as of a slaue marked in the face is before expressed: the same law & order in all pointes to be had of all vagarant persons, and vagabondes being borne in any other nation or Countrey, then this Realme, as is before expressed of English ydle persons, (marking in the breast or face onely excepted) that is to bee had to the next Porte, and there to bee kept of the inhabitaunts of the said next port, in conuenient labour and from ydlenes or otherwise, till they may be conueyed ouer: and then at the costes of the inhabitauntes of the said Port, to be conueyghed ouer into their countreys.

And for asmuch as there is many maymed & otherwise lamed, sore, aged, & impotent persons, which resorteth to the Citie of London, and to other, cities, townes, & villages on begging, whose coming together & making a number, doth fill the streates or high waies of diuers cities townes, markets, & faires, who, if they were seperated, mought easely be nourished in the townes & places wherin they were borne, or where they were, or haue ben most conuersant and abiding, by the space of iii. yeres. Be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler Maiors, Shirifes, Bailifes, Constables, or other head Offycers of any Citie, towne, or hundred, to which such resort is or shalbee, shal before the feast of the Purification of our Lady next followinge, see all such ydle, impotent, maymed, & aged persons, who otherwise can not by their discretions bee taken for vagabondes, which were borne within the said citie, towne, or Hundred, or hath ben there most conuersant and abyding, by the space of three yeres, as is aforesaid, and now decayed, bestowed, and prouided for of Tenantries, Cotages, or other conuenient houses to be lodged in, at the costes and charges of the said Cities, townes, boroughes, and villages, there to be relyeued and cured by the deuocion of the good people of the said Citie, borough, towne, or

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village. And that they doe not suffer after the time before reherſed, any other then ſuch as either were borne, or hath bene for the moſt part conuerſant or abyding, by the ſpace aforeſaid, in the ſaide Citie, Borough, Village, or Towne, to remaine and begge abroad within the precincts of ſuch Cities, Townes, Villages, or Hundredes, vpon peyne that euery ſuch Maiors, Shirifes, and Bailifes, Conſtable, or other head Officer, by what name ſoeuer he bee called, ſuffering any perſones to begge within the precinct of hys or their ſuch iuriſdiction, other then is before rehearſed, for euery three dayes ſhall forfait x.s. to whomſoeuer will ſue therefore, by bill, information, or action of debt, in anye Court of Recorde, in the which ſuites, no eſſoine, wager of lawe, nor protection ſhalbe allowed.

And for the better performance hereof: be it enacted by authoritie aforeſaid, that the Maior of the Citie of London, and al other Maiors Bailifes, Shirifes, Conſtables, and other head officers of euery citie, and towne corporate, doe with all conuenient ſpeede, by them ſelues, or their ſufficient deputies, by them appointed, before the feaſt of the Purification next comming, and ſo from time to time, euery Moneth once, make a view and examination of aged, impotent, & lame perſons, and beggers, as be within the precinct of their iuriſdiction, and ſee all ſuch as were not borne, nor hath bene for the moſt part conuerſant and abyding there by the ſpace for three yeres complet, conueyed on horſebacke cart, or chariot, or otherwiſe, as ſhall ſeeme by their diſcretions, to the next Conſtables, and they to conueigh the ſame to the next Conſtables, and ſo from Conſtables to Conſtables, till the ſaid perſons be brought to the place where they were borne or moſt conuerſaunt and abydinge, as is aforeſaid, there to bee prouided for, kept, and nouriſhed of almoſe, as is aforeſaide, vpon the peine that euery ſuche Maior, Shirife, or Conſtable, head borough, or head officer, not makinge view, not ſending or conueyghing away, not receyuinge, or not prouiding, as is before appointed, according to the true purport or meaning of this acte, to forfait for euery ſuch default xl.s. whereof the one halfe to the kynges vſe, the other to the partie that will ſue therefore, in any of the kynges courts of record, by bil, information, or action of debt, in the which ſuits none eſſoine, wager of law, nor protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouyded alwaies, that if any of the ſaid aged, maymed, or impotent perſons of the Cities, Townes, or villages, where they were borne in, or had their moſt abyding, as is aforeſaide, be not ſo lame or impotent, but that they may worke in ſome maner of worke: that then ſuch citie, Towne, Pariſhe, or Village, do eyther in common prouide ſome ſuche worke for them, as they might be occupied in, or appoint them to ſuch as will finde them worke for meat and drinke. And if they refuſe of wilfulnes and ſtubburnes to worke, or do runne away, and begge in other places, then to puniſh the ſame, accordinge to their diſcretions,

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with cheyning, beating, or otherwise, as shal seeme to them conuenient And for the more furtherance of the releefe of such which are in vnkaynned miserie, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by authoritie aforesaide, that euery Sunday and holy day, after the reading of the Gospell of the day, the Curate of euery Parish do make (according to such talent as God hath geuen him) a godly and breefe exhortacion to his Parishioners, mouing and exciting them to remember the poore people, and the duitie of Christian charitie, in relieuing of them, which be their brethren in Christ, borne in the same Parish, and needing their helpe.

Prouided alwaies, that if it shall chaunce any such adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before rehearsed, to haue inheritaunce discended vnto him, or her, or any other waies, by ỳ lawes of this realme, warde, or bondeman, or neife of bloude, by, or from any of his auncestors, to any person or persons: that then it shalbe lawfull to any suche person or persones, to whom any such warde, bondman, or neife shall apperteigne, to lease and take suche wardes, bonde men, or neifes, and them to reteine and kepe, as their wardes, bonde men, or neifes. And the sayde wardes bonde men, and neifes shalbe discharged of the saide slauery or other seruitude or bondage aboue rehearsed. This estatute or any thinge therein conteyned, to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And also be it enacted, that if any such seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, which shall haue at any time hereafter any aduauncement or liuyng, accrue, come, or grow, vnto him, or any of them, whereby hee or they may haue a conuenient lyuing: that then and from thencefoorth he or they so being aduaunced, to be discharged of their slauery, seruitude, and bondage: this Acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrarie in any wise notwithstandinge. Any woman being a seruant, apprentice, or slaue, as is aforesaid, being maried vnto the age of xx. yeres without the assent of her Master, vntill she shall accomplishe and come to the said age of xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Be it also enacted, that all Lepprouse, and poore beddered creatures, whatsoeuer they be, may at their owne libertie remayne and continue in such houses appointed for lepprouse or beddred people, as they now be in, & shall not be compelled to repaire into any other countreis or places by the vertue of this acte: any thing therein conteyned to the contrarie notwithstãding. And that also it shalbe lawful vnto the said Lepprouse & bredbred people, for their better releefes, to appoint their Proctor or Proctors, so there be not appointed aboue the number of two persons, for any one house of Lepprous, bredbred people, to gather the charitable almouse of all such inhabitaunts, as shalbe within the compasse of iiij. myles, of any of the said houses of Lepprous and beddred persons.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie abouesayd, that it

shalbe lawfull to euery person, to whom any person in fourme aboue saide, shalbee adiudged a theue, to put a ryng of yron about his necke, arme, or his legge, for a more knowledge and suertie of the kepinge of him. And that if any person or persons do take, or helpe to take, any such bond of yron from any such theue, that then euery person so doing without lycence or assent of his Master, shall forfait for euery such default x. poundes sterling.

Be it further enacted, that this present acte, shall before the first day of March next comming, be openly proclaymed in euery Citie, Corporate towne, and Market towne, vpon the Market daye and also from thencefoith shall yerely be read in euery Shire openly in two generall Quarter sessions of the peace, that is to say, at the generall quarter sessions after Midsomer, & the generall quarter sessions next after Christmas, to the intent that euery person may haue knowledge thereof, and that this act shall endure vnto the end of the next Parliament.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawful to the Lord Chauncelor of England, or the Lord Keeper of the great Seale for the time being, at their discretions, to graunt commission vnder the great Seale of Englande, to euery or any person or persons that hath, or shal haue his or their houses or barnes burnt, or such losses, to gather the relefe and charitie of others for their ayde and helpe, of hys or theyr losses, decay, or hynderaunce, as in time past hath bene vsed: any thyng conteyned in this acte notwithstanding.

An Acte for Teenures holden in Capite.

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WHere before this time, ambiguities, questions, & doubts haue ben moued and stirred in dyuers and sundry the kinges Courtes of Record, whether such Honors, Castels, manors, landes, tenements, & other hereditaments are holden of the king in Capite, which any his louing Subiectes do holde by knightes seruice, Socage, or other seruices of the king, as of his Duchies, Earledomes, Baronyes, Honors, Castels, manors, landes, tenenementes, fees, and seigniorye, which haue come to the handes and possession of dyuers of his highnes most noble Progenitors, by attainder of Treason, Misprision of Treason, attainders of Premunire and Prouision, had & done by act of Parliament, by verdict, confession, conuiction or vtlagarie, and offices or no offices thereupon founde, or by the dissolution, surrender, or geuing vp to the king, or to any his noble Progenitors, of any Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, to any of the same Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, in any wise appertayning or belonging or no. By meanes of which doubt so moued, his sayde humble and obedyent Subiectes and Tenaunts, haue bene heretofore much vnquieted,

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molested and greued: wherefore the king our Soueraigne Lord, mind-
ing, and entierly desirynge the quietnesse of his saide Subiectes, and
that the certeintie of hys lawes in that behalfe, might be knowen and
declared to his said louing subiectes, for a plaine declaration and reso-
lution to be had, of, for, and concernyng the premisses, at the humble pe-
tition and suit of the Lordes & Commons in this present Parliament
assembled, doth ordeine, declare, and enact, by the assent of the Lordes
Spiritual and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parlia-
ment assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that all such Honors,
Castels, Manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditaments, and
euery of them, which now bee, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe holden
of the kinge, or of any of his heires or successors, by any of hys sayde
Subiectes by knyghtes seruice, Sokage, or otherwise, as of any of
his or their Dukedomes, Earledomes, Baronies, Castels, manoures,
Landes, Tenementes, Fees, or Seygniories, which bee come to the
kinge, or hys most noble progenitours, or hereafter shall come to the
kinge, his heires or successors, by meanes of any such Attainder, con-
uiction, vtlagarie, or of any such dissolution, surrender, or geuing vp
of any Religious or Ecclesiastical houses or places, or of any manours,
landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to any of the said Religious or
Ecclesiastical houses or places, in any wise belonging or appertayning,
shall not from henceforth bee adiudged, deemed, taken, or construed to
any intent, construction, or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or as tenure
in Capite: any ambiguitie, question, or doubt heretofore moued to the
contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that
this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise be preiu-
diciall nor hurtfull to the kinge, his heires or successors, to, for, or concer-
ning any wardship, liuery, primer seisen, liue for alienation, or to or for
any other profite or aduauntage, which now is come or hereafter shall
or may come, fall, or growe to the kinge, his heires or successours, by or
from any person or persones, which now doth, or hereafter shall holde
any Honours, Seignieries, Castels, manors, landes, tenementes, or
other hereditamentes of the king in Chiefe, as of his person, or of any
other his auncient possessions, and being not come to the kinge by any
such attainder, confession, conuiction, vtlagarie, dissolution, geuing vp,
or surrender as be abouesaid.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that
this present act, or any thing therein conteyned or specified, shal not in
any wise, or by any meanes, geeue any aduauntage, libertie, or profite
to any tenaunt or owner in Fee simple, of any Honours, Manours,
landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, which haue heretofore
sued any special or general liuery, or Ouster le maine, out of the handes
of the kinges, or of any his noble progenitours, of anye Honours,
manours,

manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, by what tenure or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shall confesse by any matter of recorde, any tenure in chiefe of the king, but that they, theyr heires & assignes shall haue and holde the same manors, landes, tenements, & other hereditaments, in like maner & forme, as they did before the making of this present Act, & as though this present Acte had neuer bene had ne made: any thinge aboue declared and enacted to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte that no Horses shalbe conueyghed out of this Realme and other the kynges dominions without licence.

¶ The v. Chapiter.

Where before this tyme, diuers of the kinges Subiects, and namely of the North partes of thys Realme, aswell in tyme of peace as of warre, haue conueyghed, solde, geuen, and deliuered out of this Realme, aswell into Scotland, as into other forein Realmes beyonde the Sea, many and diuers great multitude of horses, geldinges and Mares, which haue bene thought, aswel great occasion strength, & boldnesse to the Scottishmen, and other the kinges forreine enemyes, hauing in possession the same horses, geldinges, and mares, in time of warre to inuade this realme, as also a great decay of the good breede of Horses and Mares, which before time hath ben within thys realme, to the great detriment & hinderance of the kinges poore subiectes towards the defence of this Realme and other his dominions. For remedy whereof, be it therefore enacted by our Soueraigne Lord the king, & by the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, after the first day of January next comming, do sell, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer into the Realme of Scotland, to the vse of any Scottishman, or do cary geue, exchaunge, sell, send, conueigh, or deliuer into any place beyond the sea out of this Realme, or the dominions of the same, any horse, gelding or mare, without speciall licence therefore to be obteyned of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale of this Realme, or vnder the priuie Signit, or if any person or persons, after the first day of January, do sell, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottishman wythin this realme of England or Wales, the townes of Berwike, or the marches of the same, to thintent to be conueyghed into Scotlād, any horse gelding or mare, or do conueigh or carie any horse, mare, or gelding into any forrein parties beyond the sea, without like special licence obteyned of the kings highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale, or priuy signet, as is afore sayd: that then the same person and persons so offending contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfait to our soueraigne Lord and his heires, the same horse, mare, or geldinge, so caryed and conueyghed, and shall also lose and forfait the summe of fourtie poundes for

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euery ſuch horſe, gelding, or mare, ſo to be conueighed & caried, in forme aforeſaid, whereof the one moitie to be to the king, & the other moitie to him or them that will ſue for the ſame, by information, action of debt, or detinue, in any of the kinges Courtes of Record, in which ſuit, no wager of law, eſſoine, ne protection ſhalbe allowed. And that alſo all and euery perſon and perſons ſo offending contrarie to this acte, ſhal ſuffer impriſonment by the ſpace of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaide, that it ſhalbee lawful, aſwell to the Warden & wardens of the Eaſt, weſt, & Myddle Marches for the time being, in their warden Courtes, as alſo to al and euery the kinges Juſtices of Peace in euery ſhire, aſwell in Englande as in Wales, in their Quarter ſeſſions, to inquire of all & euery offence or offences, hereafter to be perpetrated, committed, or done, contrarye to this acte. And that it ſhalbe lawfull to al & euery perſon and perſons being the kings ſubiectes, to arreſt & impriſon euery Scottiſhman, & al & euery other perſon or perſons, which ſhal lead or conueygh contrary to the meaning of this acte, any ſuch horſe, gelding, or mare, out of this Realme, into the ſaid realme of Scotland, or into any other forein place beyond the ſea, other then ſuch perſons as hereafter ſhal haue ſufficient warrant, by, or from the kings highnes or his heires, vnder his or their great ſeale, or priuie ſignet, according to the meaning of this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that if the king our Soueraigne Lord, his heires or ſucceſſors, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his great ſeale or priuie ſignet, do geue lycence to any perſon or perſons, to carie or conueigh any horſes, mares, or geldinges, into Scotland, or in any other part beyond the ſea, or els do geue aucthoritie, power, or commaundement to any perſon or perſons, by warrant vnder the kinges great Seale, to licence any other perſon or perſons, to carie or conueygh any Horſes, Mares, or geldinges into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the ſea: that then it ſhalbe lawful, aſwell to all and ſinguler perſon and perſons hauing ſuch licence vnder the kinges great ſeale or priuie ſignet, as to all and euery other perſon & perſons hauing licence in writing vnder the Seale of ſuch perſon or perſons, to whom the king ſhal geue aucthority, power, or commaundement in forme aboueſaide, to licence other perſon or perſons to cary or conuey any horſes, mares, or geldings into Scotlande, or into any parties beyond the ſea, to cary & conueigh ſuch nũber of horſes, geldings or mares, or any of them into Scotland, or into any of the parties beyond the ſea, as ſhalbe mẽcioned in any ſuch licẽce, as is before ſpecified: any thing mẽcioned in this act to ỹ contrary in any wiſe not withſtanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the aucthority aforeſaid, that this act, ne any thing therein conteyned, ſhal in any wiſe extend to any perſon or perſons, which at any time hereafter ſhall carie or conueyghe any Horſe, Mare, or geldinge into Scotland, or into any other foreyne

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parties beyond the sea, to serue the kinge in his warres, with the same Horses, Mares, or geldinges: any thing mencioned in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

And to the intent the kinges Maiestie shall not hereafter be deceyued in the number of such horses, mares, or geldinges, which hereafter shal be caried and conueyed into Scotland, ne that the parties which hereafter shall obtaine any licence, by force of this act, for the cariage or conueyghance of any horses, mares, or geldinges, to be caried or conueyed into Scotlande. Be it therefore enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery such person and persons, which hereafter shalbe lycenced according to this acte, to carie or conueygh any horses, mares, or geldinges into Scotland (shal before the same cariage or conueighance vpon the peine of forfeiture of the saide horse, mare, or geldinge, or the double value thereof, whereof the one moitie to be to the kinge, and the other moitie to him or them that wil sue for the same, by such like action as before is limitted in this acte) shew his or their said licence, to one of the three Wardens of the iij. Marches of England, to the intent that one of the said wardens shal cause the number of the said horses, mares or geldinges, so licenced to be conueighed into Scotlande, not onely to be kalendred in a booke, to remaine in his owne custody: but also to bee indorced and written on the backside of the said licence, and the same indorcement to be signed with the hand of the said Warden.

Prouyded alwaies, that it shalbe lawfull to euery of the kinges subiectes, that shall passe ouer beyond the sea, to ship and carie with them horses or geldinges for their owne occupation in their iourneis, & not to the intent to sell the same beyond the sea. And that intent to be iudged by the othe of him or them, that will so carie ouer any horse or gelding, which othe shalbe taken before the Customers or their deputies, or searcher, of euery such port, where the same horse or gelding shalbee shipped before the shipping thereof.

Prouided alwaies, that the Warden of the fyue Portes now beinge, or hereafter to be, may yerely at his pleasure geue vj. horses or geldings & no more, within one yere at one or dyuers times, vpon like peine, as is aforesaid, to any person or persons, in the parties beyond the Seas, being in amitie with the kinges highnes, or his successors: this acte or any thing therein, to the contrarie not withstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein mencioned, bee in any wise hurtful or preiudiciall to the Master of the kings horses, now & hereafter to be, for such thinges & commodities, as shal & do concerne his office: any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawful to any the kinges Subiectes, to carie or sende into any partes beyond the sea, any mares, whereof the price of any one mare so to bee caried, doth not exceede x.s. in such and lyke maner, as Mares being of the price of vj.s. viij. pence haue ben, or

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might haue bene conueyghed ouer the Seas, before the making of this acte: any thing in this act, or in any other act or actes heretofore made to the contrarie hereof notwithstanding.

¶ An Acte for the continuaunce of making of woolsted yarne in Norfolke.

¶ The vj. Chapietr.

Where the greatest, and almost the whole number of the poore inhabitantes of the countie of Norfolke, and the Citie of Norwiche, be, and haue bene heretofore for a great time mainteined & gotten their lyuing by spynning of the woolles, growinge in the saide countie of Norfolke vpon the rocke into yarne, and by all the said time haue vsed to haue their accesse to common Markets, within the said Countie and Citie, to buy their woolles, there to be spunne, as is aforesaid, of certeine persons called Retailers of the same woolles by eight peny worth, and twelue peny worth, at one time or there about, and haue not vsed to buy, ne can buy their said wooll of the breders of the same wooles by such small parcelles, aswell for that the sayde breders of the said wolles will not sell their said wolles by such small parcelles, as also for that the moste part of the saide poore persons dwell farre off from the said breders of the said wolles. And for asmuch as by an act of Parliament made in the xxxvij. yere of the raigne of the noble king of famous memory Henry the eight, al persons be restreined vpon a great peine, to buy any woolles to sell the same againe, except Marchants of the Staple, for the onely prouision of the Staple, as in the said act among other things more at large it is conteined: therefore the said retaylers of woolles in the sayd Countie of Norfolke and Citie of Norwich, which heretofore haue vsed to buy wolls & to sel them again to the said poore persons in ouert Markets, as is aforesaid, haue synce the making of the saide estatute, in eschewing the daunger and peyne prouided by the same, ceassed & left to buy the said wooles, for the reliefe of the said poore persons. By reason whereof, the same poore persones inhabiting within the said countie of Norfolke and Citie of Norwich, that hath heretofore bene spynners, and maynteyned by spinning of the said woolles, be now vnoccupied and vnset a worke, and a great number of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decay and ruyne of the poore people of the said Countie and Citie, and the inhabitaunts thereof, vnlesse some remedy be therein prouided. In consideration whereof it may please the kinges most royal Maiestie, by the assent of the Lordes spiritual & temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctheritie of the same, that all & euery person & persons, dwelling & inhabiting within the saide countie of Norfolke, and citie of Norwich, or in eyther of them, by his or them selues, or by hys

by his or their factours, seruaunt or seruauntes, may lawfully from henceforth, without peine, forfeiture, daunger, or breach of any lawe or ordinaunce, to buy and bargaine woolles, & take and make prouision to buy or bargaine wooles growing, or that shall grow onely within the said countie of Norfolke, in as large & like maner & forme, as the same inhabitaunts within the said countie & Citie might, & did vse to do before the making of the said acte of Parliament, and as the said acte of Parliament had neuer bene had or made, so that the same person and persons so buying or bargayning, or making promise to buy or bargain the said wools, do sell or retaile the same againe in the common Market, or other open place, within the said countie of Norfolke, or Citie of Norwich, to any person or persons at their pleasure and libertie, that wil buy the same, or any part thereof, dwelling and inhabiting within the said countie and citie of Norwich, or any of them, that shall or will spinne the same within the saide countie of Norfolke, and citie of Norwich, or any of thē: the said former act, or any article, clause, or sentence therein contained, or any other acte or actes, law or ordinaunce heretofore made, to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where in the Parliamēt holden at westminster the xxviij. yere of the Raigne of our said late soueraigne Lord the king, it was amongst other thinges enacted thus, as ensueth, or like in effect, that is to say, that no person or persons from henceforth, should buy, ne cause to bee bought within the said citie of Norwiche, or Countie of Norfolke, any yarne spunne of the rocke called Wolstede yarne, the which shoulde then after that bee spunne within the sayde Countie or Citie, but such person or persons beeinge weuers of Woolsted, Russells, Stamine, Sayes, and such other like Clothes, within the said Citie or Countie, that should weaue or worke, or cause to be wouen or wrought in wolstede, Stamine, Russels, Sayes, or such other lyke clothes, the sayde yarne so bought or caused to be bought wythin the saide Citie or countie, in the citie of Norwyche, or in some market Towne wythin the saide Countie: vpon the peine and forfeiture for euery pounde weight of the said yarne called wolsted yarne, so bought within the said countie or Citie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforesaide, within the saide Citie or countie xl. shillinges. The one halfe thereof to bee to the kinge our Soueraigne Lord, and the other halfe thereof to bee to him, or them that should then after that sue for the same, by bil. information, action of debt, or otherwise in anye Court of Recorde, in which sayde action, bill, or information, no essoine, wager of law, forrein plee, or protection should be allowed. And where it is also ordeyned in the sayde acte, that if any person or persons, did after the first day of Aprill then nert after the said act ensuyng, ship or cary, or conueygh, or cause to be shipped to cattie or conueigh into the parties beyond the Sea, or did cattie or conueigh into the partes beyond the sea, any yarne called wolsted

yarne

yarne not made, or wrought in cloth, so that such yarne were spunne w̄in this Realme, that then euery person & persons so shippyng, cōueighing, and carying, or causing such yarne to be shipped, caryed, and conueighed shoulde forfait for euery pounde of woolsted yarne so shypped, conueighed, or caried xl.s. the one halfe thereof to be to oure sayde Soueraigne Lorde the king, & the other halfe thereof to him or them that shoulde sue for the same, by bill, information, or action of debte in anye of the kings Courts of recorde, as in the saide acte, the same or the lyke in effect, more plainely doth & may appeare. And forasmuche as the saide acte was made & ordeined to continue & endure vntil the Parliament then after that next ensuing, & hath ben sithens by other generall actes continued vntil this present Parliament, & was not by any of the said actes ordeined to continue for euer: It may now please the kings most excellent maiestie, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall & temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that al the afore recited acte for yarne, with al the wordes, forfaitures, paynes, & sentences before recited, as the same before recyted and declared, may from henceforth bee enacted to continue, & to bee taken for an acte to cōtinue for euer to al intents & purposes according to ỳ said wordes, sētences, & the purport therof before in this act recited.

Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lawful to euery person & persōs, being a hatte maker, or hatt makers, dwelling w̄in the said citye of Norwiche, to buy such of the said woolsted yarne, as is called & knowen by the name of middle vske yarne, as they & euery of them haue heretofore done, & vsed to doe, so that the same middle vske yarne so bought by the said hatmakers, or hatmaker, be wrought in hatts, or employed to hatmaking within the said citie, any thing before recited, to the contrarye thereof notwithstanding.

The. vii. Chapiter.

An acte for the continuaunce of Accions after the death of any king.

Where the kynges subiectes heretofore haue to their great costes, charges, and expences, prosecuted, and sued diuers and sundrye Accions, aswell reall and personall, as all other Accions mixte, or otherwyse, in the kynges Maiestyes Courtes and other courtes of recorde, not onelye by writtes, but also by playnte or billes, whiche accyons, suites, billes, and playntes, by the death, or demyse of the kynges of this Realme, haue been discontynued, & the parties in euery suche accions, suites, billes, and playntes, therby haue been put without day, wherby the demaunde aunts, playntifes, and actours in euery suche action and suit were compelled and driuen by the order of the lawes of this realme, for their further remedy, to cōmence & begin again his or their saide accions, suites, or plaintes, or els to prosecute, & sue resummons, attachementes, Scire facias, or such other like

proceſſe to reuiue his or their ſaid accions, ſuits, or plaints, which was not onely to their great coſtes, charges, expences, hinderaunces, & delaye of their cauſes & ſuites, but alſo a greate lette and hinderaunce of iuſtice, for reformation wherof, be it ordeined, eſtabliſhed, & enacted by the king our ſoueraigne Lorde, & the Lordes & commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that frō henceforth by the death, or demiſe of the kings Maieſtie that nowe is, (whoſe life almightie God long preſerue, kepe & maintaine in his moſt royal eſtate) nor by the death or demiſe of any ỹ hereafter ſhalbe kinge of this Realme, any accion, ſuite, bill, or plaint, nowe, or that hereafter ſhall depend betwene party and party in any of the courtes aforeſayde ſhal not in any wiſe be diſcontinued, or put without day: But that the proceſſe, plees, demurres, and continuances in euerye actyon, accions, ſuites, bylles, or plaintes, whych nowe, or that hereafter ſhall depende ſhall ſtand good and effectual, and be proſecuted, & ſued forthe in ſuche maner & fourme, & in the ſame eſtate, condition & order, as if the ſame king had liued, or continued in full lyfe, the deathe or demiſe hereafter of any king of this Realme notwithſtanding. And that all & all maner of iudicial proceſſe that hereafter ſhalbe had, or purſued in the time of ỹ reigne of any other king, then reigned at the time of the purſuite of the original, or other former proceſſe, ſhalbe made in the name of the kinge, that for the time ſhal reigne, and be king of this realme, and that variance touching the ſame proceſſe betwene the names of the kings, ſhall not be in any wiſe material, as concerning any defaulte to bee alleged, or obiected therefore.

And alſo be it further eſtabliſhed and enacted by thauctho̅itie aforeſaid, ỹ al & euery Aſſiſe of nouel diſſeiſin, aſſiſe of Mortdaunceſter, Iuris vtrum, & atteint, which at any time hereafter ſhalbe arreigned, cōmenced or ſued before any of the kings Iuſtices of aſſiſe, ſhal not frō henceforth be diſcontinued or put without day, by reaſon of death, new commiſſion, aſſociation, or not cōming of the ſame Iuſtices of aſſiſe, or anie of them, but ſhal ſtand good & effectual in the lawe, to all ententes, conſtructions and purpoſes, the death, new commiſſion aſſociation, or not cōming of ỹ ſame Iuſtices, or any of thē, in any wiſe notwithſtāding.

And ouer that be it ordeined & enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſayde. that albeit any demaundaunt or plaintife in any maner of accion, bill, or ſuite, ſhal fortune to be made, or created Duke, Archebiſhop, Marques, Earle, Viſcount, Baron, Biſhop, knight, Iuſtice of the one bēch, or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, depending the ſame accion, bill, or ſuite, yet that notwithſtanding, that no writ, accion, or ſuite, ſhal for ſuch cauſe in any wiſe be abatable or abated, but ſhall remaine in lyke force, goodnes, & ſtrength, as ỹ ſame was before, any lawe or vſage to the contrarye in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And alſo be it ordeined and enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſaide, that albeit

albeit any person or persons beinge Justice of Assise, Justice of Gaole deliuery, or Justice of peace within any of the kings dominions, or being in any other of the kings commissions whatsoeuer, shall fortune to be made or created Duke, Archbishop, Marques, Earle, Viscoũt, baron, Bishop, Knight, Justice of thone benche, or of the other, or sergeãt at law, or sherife, yet that notwithstãding, he, & they shal remain iustice & cõmissioner, & haue ful power & aucthoritie to execute the same, in like maner & forme, as he, or they might, or ought to haue dõe before ỹ same.

And be it ordeined & enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that in all cases where any person or persons heretofore haue beene, or hereafter shalbe found guilty of any maner of treasõ, murder, manslaughter, rape or other felony whatsoeuer, for the which iudgement of death shoulde or may ensue, & shalbe reprieued to prison without iudgemẽt at that time geuen against him, her, or them so found guilty, that those persones that at any time hereafter shall by the kynges letters Patentes be assigned Justices to deliuer the Gaole, where any such person or persons found guilty shall remaine, shal haue ful power and auctheritie to geue iudgement of death against such person so founde guilty, and reprieued, as the same Justices (before whom such person or persons was, or were found guilty) might haue done, if their cõmission of Gaole deliuery had remained & continued in full force & strength: And ouer that, that no manner of proceese or suit made, sued, or had before any Justices of Assise, gaole deliuery, Oyer and terminer, Justice of peace, or other of the kinges cõmissioners, shal not in any wise be discontinued by the making & publishing of any new commission or association or by altering of ỹ names of ỹ Justices of assise, gaole deliuery, Oyer & terminer, Justices of peace or other the kings cõmissioners, but that the new Justices of assise, gaole deliuery, & of the peace, & other cõmissioners may proceede in euery behalfe, as if the olde commissions & Justices, & commissioners had styll remained & continued not altered.

¶ The viii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the confirmation of letters Patentes.

WHere the kyngs most excellent highnes sithen the xxvii. Daye of Januarie, in the first yeare of hys Maiestyes reygne, aswell vpon diuerse and sundry good considerations, hys Maiestie therevnto moouinge, as also otherwyse, hath bargayned, solde, exchaunged, geeuen, restored, and graunted by hys graces seuerall letters Patentes, Indentures, or other writinges sealed vnder hys Hyghnesse greate Seale of Englande, the Seale of the Duchie of Lancaster, and the seale of the Courte of Augmentation and the reuenues of his Crowne, or any of them, as wel to bodyes politique and corporate, as to diuers and sundry of his louing and obedient subiects diuers and sundrye honours, castelles, mannors, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, personages appropriated, aduowsons,

tithes, oblacions, pencions, portions, fraunchiles, priuileges, liberties, & other hereditaments, commodities & profites in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life, or liues, or for terme of yeares, as in ỹ same seuerall letters patents, Indentures, & other writings is mencioned & declared: In auoiding, disturbing, hurting, or hindering of the saide seuerall letters patents, Indentures, and other writinges, and of the saide manors, lands, tenementes, hereditamentes & other thinges in them conteyned, sundrye and manye ambiguities, doubts, and questyons haue or myght hereafter happē to be moued, obiected, alleged, inuented, procured, or stirred, as wel for misnaming, misrecital, or none recital of any of the same honours, castelles, manours, landes, tenementes, & other the premisses, or any parcell thereof, or for lacke of finding of offices, or inquisitions, of, and in the premisses, whereby the tytle of the kynges highnes therin ought to haue been found before the makyng of ỹ same letters patentes, or other writinges, or for misrecitall, or none recitall of leases therof before made, as wel of record as not of record, or for lacke of the certeintie, misrakling, rating, or letting forth of the yerely values and rates of the premisses, or of the yerely rētes reserued, of, and for the premisses, or any parcel thereof mencioned, or conteined in any of ỹ said letters patents, or other writinges, or for that the premysses bee, or any part thereof is valued to a more or lesse value in the said letters patents, or wrytings, then the saide honours, manours, lands, tenements and other the premisses then were or shalbe in yerely value, or for mysnaming of the townes, hamlettes, parishes, or counties, where ỹ same honours, castelles, manors, landes, tenementes, rents, hereditaments and other the premisses, and euery parcel thereof, or any parcel thereof lien, or beene, or for lacke of the true naminge of the natures, kyndes, sortes, and quantities of the saide possessions, or hereditamentes, or any parcell thereof, or for lacke of the true naminge of the corporation of the same bodies politique, or corporate, or for lacke of attornement, liuery or sealon, or for misnaming of any of the late tenantes, or fermors of the same premisses so solde, geuen, graunted, or exchaūged, as for diuers and sundrie other suggestions and surmises, not comprised in the said letters patentes, which hereafter might happen to be moued, surmised, or procured against the same letters patents. For remedye & reformation whereof be it ordeined and enacted by the kings most excellent highnesse, with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall & temporall, & cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctuitie of the same, that al wel al & euery the said letters patēts, indentures, & other writings, & euery of thē sealed with, or vnder the seale or seales aboue named, or any of them made, or graūted by the kinges highnes sithens the xxviij. day of January last past, as also al and singuler hys graces letters patents, indentures, and other writings hereafter, during hys highnesse life (which our Lord long continue) to be had, made, or graū-

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ted with, or vnder any of the seales abouesaid, to any body politique, or corporate, or to any other person or persons, of any Honours, castelles, manours, landes, tenements, rents, reuercions, seruices, personages, tithes, pencions, porcions, aduowsons, nominations, presentations, fraunchises, liberties, and other hereditaments, commodities, possessions, & profites, of what kinde, nature, or qualitie soeuer they, or anye of them be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or anye of them, be, is, or shalbe named, knowen, or reputed, shal stand & be taken, reputed & iudged good, sure, perfect, effectuall, & auailable in the lawe, during ỳ statutes in them limitted & specified, to al intents, respectes, constructions & purposes against the king his heires & successors, without any confirmation, licence, dispensation, or toleration of the kynge, hys heires or successours: any the causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteined, or hereafter during his said highnes life to be conteined, had, or made in any such letters Patents, indentures, or other writinges by ỳ king our soueraigne lord, to ỳ contrarye in any wise notwithstanding

Prouided alway, that this act, ne any thing therin cõteined, shal not in any wise extend to reuiue, or make good any letters patentes made of any office or offices to any cõptroller, customer, aulneger, or searcher ne to any letters patentes of the graunte of any other office, or offyces heretofore graunted, or made by our saide Soueraigne lorde the king which now is, or be, or at any time heretofore haue bene adnichelated, determined, or made voide by iudgement, by aucthoritie of parliament or decree, nor to any patẽt to be made to any person or persõs for terme of yeres, or during the minoritie of an heire, of, or in any manors, lands or tenements, wherof any trauerse hereafter shalbe tẽdred within thre monethes after anye office founde and certified into any of the kynges courtes of record, ne to any leases, or grauntes of any manors, landes, or tenements of our saide Soueraigne Lordes hereafter to bee made vnder any of the seales of the courts aforesaid, cõtrary to the limitatiõ, ordinance, prouision, establishmẽt & aucthoritie of the same courts, any thing in this act conteined to the contrary notwithstãding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteined, shal not extend to make any letters patentes of any offyce or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strength, then the same letters patents were, or should haue bene before the making of this act.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that al and singuler suche patentees, graũtees, donees, as any time hereafter during the life of our said soueraigne Lord (whiche almightie God long preserue) shal fortune to haue, or obteine any Castelles, manours, landes, tenements, tithes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes of the gift, graunt, sale, or exchaunge of the kynges Maiestie, or of the onely gift of the kinges Maiestie, of his moste liberall disposition, and not solde, which at the day of the date of the letters Patentes thereof

made, shalbe of more, or better yerely value to the kinge in yerely rent & ferme, then shalbe conteined, mencioned, & specified in anye such letters patentes, & particulers thereof made by the particuler Surueyour, or Surueiours thereof, & in such bill or billes, as shalbe signed and sealed with the hand, or hands of the patentee, or patentees therof to be exhibited to ỳ kinges Maiestie, or his officer or officers, within whose suruey the said manors, lands, & tenements, & other the premisses, or anye part thereof shalbe, or within any of them, which bill shalbe signed, sealed, had, & made, as is aforesayde, before any bil shalbe therof signed by the kings Maiestie, that then euery of the saide patentees, grauntees, & donees, their heires, executours, & administrators within one yeare next after due proofe, & decrees therof made and had in ỳ court, within whole suruey the same castelles, manors, lands, tenements, & other the premisses, or any parcel thereof, before the said gifts & grauntes were, shal content & pay to the king for the same ouerplus, & more value of the same manors, lands, tenemẽts, tithes, pencions, porcions, & other hereditaments to him solde, or exchaunged, after such rate, as other lands, & tenements were before to him sold or exchaunged, & for the ouerplus & more value of such lands & tenements as shall happen to be geuen by ỳ kings Maiesty, & not solde, as is abouesaid, ỳ said patentee, his heirs executors, or administrators shal content and pay to the king after the rate of xx. yeres purchase, so that the same proofe & decree be had, and made in maner & fourme abouesaid, within x. yeres next after the date of the said letters patentes.

¶ The. ix. Chapiter.
¶ An acte for the vniting of certein churches within the citie of Yorke.

WHere in the auncient cytie of Yorke and suburbes of the same there are many parish churches, which heretofore ỳ same being wel inhabited and replenyshed with people, were good and honest lyuinges for learned Incumbentes, by reason of the priuie tythes of the ryche marchauntes, and of the offringes of a great multitude, whyche liuinges is nowe so muche decayed by the ruin and decaye of the sayde Citie, and of the trade of marchaundyse there, that the reuenues and profites of dyuers of the same benefices are at thys present not aboue the clere yerely value of xxvi. s. viij. d. so that a great sort of them are not a competent and honest liuinge for a good curate, yea, and no persone will take the cure, but that of necessitie there is some chaunterie Priest, or else some late Relygious persoune beynge a stypendarie taken and appointed to the saide cure and benefyce, which for the moste parte are vnlearned, and verie ignoraunt persounes, not able to doe anye parte of their dueties: By reason whereof the said citie is not onely replenished with blinde guides and Pastours, but also

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the people muche kept in ignorance, aswell of their dueties towardes God, as also towardes the kinges Maiestie, and the common wealth of this realme, and to the great daunger of their soules: In consideration whereof, and for the better reliefe and ordre of the said city, it may please the kinges maiesty by the assent of the lords spirituall & tēporall & the cōmons in this present parlyment assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that from henceforth it shalbee laufull to the Maior and Rrcorder of the said city, & the ordinary or his deputye, & vi. Justices of peace in the saide city, to vnite and knite together the said parishes into fewer number, that is to wete, so many of the said parishes into one parishe, as to them shal be thought conueniēt to be a liuinge for one honeste incumbent, so the clere yearely value of one parishe excede not xx. li. by yeare, & so to procede thorough the saide city and the suburbs of ẏ same, & that it shalbee laufull for the saide Maior, Recorder, & Aldermē to pull downe the churches, which they shall thinke superfluous in the saide city & suburbs of the same, and to bestow the same towardes the reparacions and enlargement of other churches, of the bridges in the saide city, and to the reliefe of the poore peple. And further that the said Maior Recorder, ordinary, or his deputy, & vi. iustices of peace beinge Aldermen, shall allott & appoint the presentment and patronage of the churche so vnited to the patrons of al the churches, to knitt in one parishe that they make their presentments by turne, euery one according to their quantity of his former patronage.

Prouided always, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that al such incumbents of the churches aforesaid, that shalbe put downe by vertue of this act, shal haue the yearely value of their benefices after ẏ rate they do pay tenths duringe their liues, so they wil do seruice therfore in the churches appointed for the parishe churche, accordinge to their former duties: And if they refuse to serue, then they only duringe their liues to haue the third part of the value as is aforesaid, & to be paied at the hands of ẏ incumbent of the parish church to be appointed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that the incumbents of euery such church, which by vertue of this acte shalbee made and ordeyned for the parishe churche, & whereunto any other parishe, or parishes shalbe vnited, shal after the vnion thereof, yerely paye the tenthes to be due for the same to the kynges Maiestie, hys heires & successors of the same churche, and of al other churches therunto vnyted & annexed. And the sayd incumbets of the parishe churche so vnyted to haue his allowance of the incumbents of the churches so vnited thereunto during their seueral liues, according to the rate & porcion of the churches so vnited, as shalbe assigned by ẏ abouesayde persons, hauing aucthoritie by this acte to vnite the same. And the successor & successours of euery such incumbent of euery such church, as shal be made the parishe churche, & wherunto any church or parishe shall bee vnited

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by force of this act, shall paye, or compounde for the first fruites thereof at euery auoidance before his induction to the same, according to such yerely value, at such church or churches as shalbe made a parish church & whereunto any church or churches, parish, or parishes, shalbe vnited by force of this act, shalbee of, at the time of the vnion thereof, & as if it had ben of such like yerely value at ỳ time of the making of ỳ statute for first fruites & tenthes, & of no greater value, any ordinance, statute, or lawe, to the contrary notwỏstanding.

¶ The .x. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for exigents & Proclamations in Wales, & in the Countie Palantine of Chester, & also in the citie of Chester.

WHere in the high Court of Parliament holden at westminster the xxvij. yeare of the most prosperous reigne of ỳ late famous king Henry the eyght, by the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons assembled in the sayde hygh Courte of Parliament: it was enacted and establyshed by aucthoritie of the same Parliament, that hys highnesse domynion and pryncipalitie of Wales, and of manours, landes, tenementes, and other domynions wythin the sayde dominion and principalitie of Wales shoulde be deuyded into twelue Shieres or Counties, that is to saye, the Shieres or Counties of Glamorgan, Radnour, Brecknock, Karmerthen, Penbroke, Cardigan, Merioneth, Mongomerie, Flynt, Carnaruan, Angleley, & Denbigh, in euery of which sayde counties & shieres amongst the officers yerely appointed, it was thē ordeyned that there should be distinct and seueral shirifes yearely, & also where the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the citie of Chester, be auncient and seueral cōtties Palantine of thēselues, in al which said counties, the kings writt hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamation awarded vpon any exigent against any person or persons, in any accion, wherin processe of outlawry doth lye accordynge to the statute made in the vi. yere of the reigne of the saide late king, cānot be directed vnto ỳ sherife or sherifes of any of the said shieres or counties, but vnto the sheryfe of the countie next adioyning: So that the party dwellyng in any of the said shieres or counties, agaynst whom anie suche exigent and proclamation shalbe so awarded, shal not, nor can haue any knowledge of the same suite, or processe, by reason whereof many of ỳ persōs inhabitinge in the saide shieres and counties without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue ben wrongfully and vniustly vtlaged to their vtter vndoing.

Be it therefore, & for diuerse other good cōsiderations by the king oure souereigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall & tēporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same enacted, ordeined, and established, that if and when soeuer any writ of exigent at any time after the first daye of Aprill next comming, shalbe awarded at the suite of the king, or of any other pson

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or persones plaintife, or plaintifes, in any accion or suite, in anye of the courtes of our saide Soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successors commonly called the kinges benche, and the common place, agaynst any person or persons, dwelling in any of the aforesaid counties in Wales, or in the said counties Palantine of Chester, or the cite of Chester, or in any of them: that then immediatly vpon the awarding of euery such exigent, the Justice or Justices before whom any such writ of exigent vpon such suit, or accion shalbe sued, shal haue full power & auctoritie to award one writ of Proclamation according to the tenour & effect of Proclamations awarded vpon exigents directed out of any of the said courts in London, against any person dwelling in anie other shire, where the kinges writ is curraunt, according vnto the order and fourme in the saide statute made in the vi. yere of the said late kinge to be directed to such of the aforesaid shirifes of any of the aforesaid counties in Wales, & of the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the City of Chester for the time being, where it shal happen the sayd defendant against whō any such accion shalbe sued, as is aforesaid, to be dwelling. And that euery such writ of Proclamatiō shal haue the same teste and day of returne, as the exigēts, whereupon euery such writ of Proclamation shalbe awarded, shall haue: And that euery suche sheriffe to whom any such writ of proclamatiō shalbe directed, shal make proclamation of the said writ of proclamation, according to the tenour of the same, & shal make true returne of the same in such court, & before such Justices as the tenour of the same writ shal require & demaund. And y^t al outlaries hereafter to be promulged, or pronounced agaynst anie persone or persons vpō any such exigent, or exigents, awarded against any persō or persons, dwelling in any of the said coūties of Wales, & the counties Palantine of Chester, & of the citie of Chester, & no writ of Proclamation awarded in fourme aboue said to the shirife or shirifes of the countie, where the party defendant shalbe, as is aboue said, dwelling, or not returned, to be clerely void & of none effect, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that al & euery sheriffe and sheryfes of euery of the saide counties of Wales, and of the counties Palantine of Chester, and of the cytie of Chester aforesayde, shall haue in euery of the saide courtes of the kynges benche, and of the common place, one sufficient Deputie at the least, to receiue all writtes directed to such the Sheriffe or Sherifes, for whom the same Deputie or deputies shalbe appointed, in like maner, and fourme, and vpon lyke peines, as by the former statutes & lawes of this realme other sheryfes of other shires, or counties within thys realme of Englande be bounden to haue, in either of the same courtes: and that all writtes of proclamation aforesaid shalbee deliuered vnto euerie suche Deputie of Recorde in the same courtes, and also like fees shalbee payed for makinge euery suche writ of proclamation, and for enrolling the same of Record, as is

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limitted in the said statute made in the said sixt yere of the reign of our said late souereigne lord the king Henry the eight.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person dwelling in any of the same counties of Wales, after the aforesaid first day of April, shalbe outlawed in any suite, or accion aforesaid, that then writs of special Capias vtlagat: single Capias vtlagat, nō molestād and all other processe, for, or against any person outlawed, shall, & may frō thenceforth be directed to the sherife of any of the sayde counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the kyngs said courtes of the kynges benche or common place in that behalfe: and that euery suche writtes may be deliuered of recorde to the deputie of suche of the saide sherifs, to whom any suche writ, or processe shalbe directed, & that euery suche sherife shal make execution and returne of euery such writte of processe to him directed, vpon like peine & penaltie, as is aboue limitted.

And be it further enacted & established, that if any such writ, or writs of Proclamation hereafter directed to anye of the Shirifes of anye of the saide shieres in Wales, or counties Palantine of Chester, or of the cytie of Chester, be deliuered vnto any of the saide sherifes for the tyme being, or to his or their deputie, in maner & forme aforesaide: & the same sherife or sherifes do not make true returne of euery such writ & writts of Proclamation, into such court & courtes, out of which the sayd writt or writtes of Proclamation shalbe awarded: that for euery such fault of none returne, euery such sherife for the time being, shall lose & forfait v.li. the one halfe thereof shalbe to our souereigne Lord the kinge, hys heires & successors: the other halfe to any such person or persons as wil sue for the same in an accion of debt grounded vpon this acte, in any of the kinges courtes of record, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed, or admitted.

Prouided alwaies this acte, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in any wise extend, or be preiudiciall to the same counties of Wales, or to ẏ saide counties Palantine of Chester, or of the citie of Chester, for, or concerning such liberties, franchises, or priuileges, as belong to thē, or any of them, or to any ministers, or officers of them, or anye of them, otherwise, or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this acte is before prouided & declared: any thing in this act mencioned to ẏ contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, & this act, ne any thing therin conteined, shall not in any wise be preiudicial or hurtfull to anie Lorde marcher in Wales, but that they & euerie of them, and their heires, and the heires of euerie of them shal and may haue like libertie, interest, and preeminence, as they, and euerie of thē had, might, or ought to haue had before the making of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made: anye thinge in this acte mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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¶An acte for the repeale of a certaine statute made in the xxviij. yere of the reigne of the late king of most famous memory Henry the viij. for reuoking of actes of Parliament.

WHere in the Parliament begonne at Westmynster the xxviij. yere of the reigne of the late kynge of famous memorye kyng Henry the eight, it was enacted by the auctoritie of the sayd Parliament, that if the Emperial crowne of this Realme, after the deceake of the saide late kynge, shoulde dyscende, come, or remayne to the heires of oure saide late Soueraigne Lorde, or to any person to be ymitted by his highnesse, as of verie ryght it must, and ought to do accordinge to the lawes of this realme established for the same, the sayde heire, or suche person being within the age of fower and twenty yeres & that then any acte or actes of Parliament shoulde happen to be made & established in any parliamēt, ꝑ then should be holden before such heire or heires, person or persons then being in possession of the sayd crowne should be of their full ages, of xviij. yeres: that then euery such heire, or heires of our sayd late soueraigne Lorde, or suche person so possessed of the crowne being within the same age of xviij. yeares, should haue ful power and auctoritie at all times, after they should come to their sayd full ages of xviij. yeres, by their letters patentes vnder the great seale of England to reuoke, adnul, & repeale all and singuler such acts made & established by their royal assents, in any Parliament holden durynge ꝑ time that they were within their said age of xviij. yeares, their royal assents had to the same, during the time that they were within ꝑ sayd age of xviij. yeres or any act or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And it was also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that euery suche repeale, adnullation, and reuocation of any acte or actes that should be made and established, in any Parliament holdē before ꝑ time that such heires, or person possessed of the Crowne should be of the said age of xviij. yeres should be as good and effectual, to all intents & purposes, as though it had been done by the auctority of Parliament, as in the said acte is more playnely declared: Sith the makinge of which estatute, it hath pleased almightie God to take vnto his mercie our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Henry the eyght, & our now most gracious & deare Soueraigne liege lord kyng Edward the vi. his sonne & heire (whose life God long preserue) now being aboue the age of x. yeres & vnder the age of xi. yeres: during whose minoritie as the common wealth of his highnesse realme of England & Ireland & of all the dominions and countreis of the same is, and most necessarye ought to be prouided for, mainteined, and preserued: so is it the naturall duetie of euery good, true, and louing subiecte, to applie him self with al his power and diligence, to studie, inuent, and practyse by all waies, meanes, and maners, for the conseruation of the same. And for asmuch

asmuche as for ẏ preseruation of the royal estate of our said soueraigne Lorde the king that now is, & ẏ safegard and suertie of his most royall person, & for the good tranquilitie, quietnes, rest, and peace of his sayd Realmes, countries, dominions, and subiects, aswel wholsome lawes & statuts are to be ordeined, established, & prouided, as also some lawes & statutes to be repealed & adnulled, as the case shal require, according to the disposition of the people, whiche cannot take anye good effect, or successe, without actes & prouisions of Parliament to be made, before their ages of xxiiij. yeres. And for that it should seme vnto all men, that the good intention, meaning, & purpose of the said late king, and of the makers of the sayde statute, was not, that good and wholsome lawes which should be made, prouided, and ordeyned for the good gouernãce of the Realmes and dominions abouesaide, duringe the time that anye king of this Realme should be within ẏ sayd age of xxiiij. yeres shoulde from the time of the decease of the auncestor, or progenitor of any suche king, within the age of xxiiij. yeres, at the time of the death of the sayde auncestour, or progenitour, vntill the age of xxiiij. yeares, of anie suche king, be made, demed, and adiudged to be voide by any such letters patentes, to al intents & purposes, as though they neuer had beene made but that the saide, actes, and euery of them, and all, and euery thinge, & thinges vsed, committed, doone, suffered, or executed by aucthoritye of the same, should be good, auaylable, and perfit in ẏ lawe: And that the saide reuocation, adnullation, & repeale, should be taken to make voide the saide actes, and euery of them onely, from the time of the said reuocation, adnullatiõ and repeale, & not otherwise: The cõtrary entendement and exposition wherof, might otherwise, not onely discourage all subiectes during that time, and those yeres, to endeuour themselues, to and for the aduising, setting foorthe, and consenting to the makinge of good and wholsome lawes: but also shoulde cause the sayd subiects to adiudge and thinke themselues to liue for that time, vnder no manner of certayntie, or assuraunce of any positiue lawe, or statute during that time to be made, or prouided: Be it therefore enacted, by the kinge our Souereigne Lorde, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that the said act of parliament aboue recyted, made in the said xxviij. yeare of the reigne of the said late king, & euerie worde, article, clause, matter, sentence, and thing therin specified & conteyned, shall by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, bee, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, vtterly voyd, adnulled, repealed, and of none effect, & as though the same had neuer ben had ne made, Neuerthelesse to the intent the kinges Maiestie our Souereigne lorde may haue power, aucthoritie, preeminence and prerogatiue at his full age of xxiiij. yeres, or at any time after, at his libertie and pleasure, to repeale al statutes and acts of Parliament, aswel made in this present parliament

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as hereafter in any other Parliament to be holdē, before he shal accomplish the saide age of xviij. yeres, to be made or ordeyned, according to the true intent and meaning of the makers of the said former statute.

Be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that our said Soueraigne Lord the king that now is, at his ful age of xviij. yeres, or at any time after, and all & euery heire and heires of the said late king, and other person and persons, to whom the Emperiall Crowne of this Realme, shal hereafter discend, come or remaine, by thappointment of the said late king, in that case prouyded & made, then being within the age of xviij. yeres, shal haue full power & auctoritie, by vertue of this present acte, at all times, after he or they shall come to his or their full age of xviij. yeres, by his or their letters Patents, vnder the great Seale of England, to repeale all & singuler act & actes, or any of them, as be or shalbe made or established by his or their Roiall assentes in any Parliament holden, or to be holden, during the time that he or they was, were, or shalbe, within ỳ said age of xviij. yeres, other then this present act of Parliament, and other then al pardons graunted & to be graunted, within the said seueral ages of xviij. yeres, by auctoritie of Parliament, so that the same repeale be made & vsed, in maner & fourme hereafter following, that is to say, that euery such letters patents of repeale, shal conteine all such actes, as shalbee repealed, and shalbe solempnely & openly proclaimed in the kings court of Chauncery, betwene the houres of ix. and xj. before noone, at three seueral dayes, in euery of two of the iiij. vsual Termes to be holden at Westminster, or els where, within this Realme of England, & also one time in euery Countie of this Realme, and in Wales, at the seueral Assises to be holden in the same seueral counties, betwene like houres, & that thē after xl. daies next after such Proclamation, in al & euery place and countie abouesaid, so had and made, the said letters Patentes of repeale to take their force, strength, and effect, and not before, or from any other time or season, nor in any other maner or forme. And that all and euery such act and actes, aswel made in this Parliament, as hereafter to be made, within the said age of xviij. yeres, of our soueraygne Lord the kings Maiestie that now is, as in the time of any of the said heire or heires, or other the saide person or persons, then being in possession of the Imperial Crowne of this Realme, & vnder ỳ age of xviij. yeres, shalbe good and effectuall to all intents, constructions, and purposes, vntill the said letters Patentes of repeale, Proclamations, and xl. dayes shalbe so had, made, runne, and past: and that al and euery act and actes, thing & thinges, vsed, had, committed, done, suffered, or executed, by the auctoritie of the said acte or actes, or any of them, within any of the said ages of xviij. yeres, according to the purport, tenor and effect of the said act or actes, or any of them, shalbe good and effectuall for euer, the said repeale so to be made, in any wise not withstanding, &

that al and euery person & persons, bodies politique & corporat, shal and may by the auctoritie of this present acte from time to time, aswel after the said repeale as before, pleade, or alloage for his or their defence, excuse, indemnitie, profite, benefite, or aduantage, al and euery such act or actes, or any of them so reuoked, adnulled, or repealed, or to be reuoked, adnulled, or repealed, for concerning, or in any wise touching any thing or thinges, had, vsed, graunted, suffered, possessed, committed, done or accrued, by auctoritie, sufferance, or force of the said acte or actes, or any of the, before the reuocation, adnullation, or repealing of the same, in such and as ample maner and forme, as if the said act or actes so to be reuoked, adnulled, or repealed, and euery of them had stande in hys and their full strength, force, and effect, & as if the said acte or actes had neuer beene reuoked, adnulled, or repealed: any thing in such repeale conteyned notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it also ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no king or kinges of this Realme shal haue auctoritie, power, or prerogatiue, to repeale any act of Parliament or estature that shalbe made in the time of any kinge before the said age of xviij. yeres, other then such as be or shalbe made in his owne time: any thing aboue mencioned to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

An act for the repeale of certein Statutes, concerninge Treasons, felonies &c. The xij. Chapiter.

NOthing being more Godly, more sure, more to be wyshed & desired betwixt a Prince, the supreme head and ruler, and the Subiectes, whose gouernour & head he is, then on the Princes part, great clemency & indulgencie, and rather to much forgeuenesse & remission of his royal power and iust punishment, then exact seuerity & iustice to be shewed: & on the subiects behalfe, that they should obey rather for loue, & for the necessitie & loue of a king and Prince, then for feare of his streight and seuere lawes, yet such things at some time commeth in the commē wealth, that it is necessarie and expedient, for the repressing of the insolencie and vnrulines of men, and for the forseeing and prouiding of remedies against rebellyon, insurrection, or such mischiefes (as God some time with vs displeased, for our punishment doth inflict & lay vpon vs, or the Deuill at Goddes permission, to assaye the good and Gods elect, doth sowe and sette amonges) the which Almightie God, with his helpe and mannes policie hath alwayes bene content & pleased to haue stayed, that sharper lawes, as a harder bryddel should be made, to stay those men & factes, that might els bee occasion, cause, and auctors of further inconuenience, the which thing caused the Prince of most famous memorie king Henry the viij. father to our said soueraigne lord the king, & other his highnes progenitors, with the assent of the nobles & Commons at dyuers Parliaments in their seuerall tymes holden, to make & enact

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certain lawes and statutes, which might seeme and appeare to men of exteriour realmes, & many of the kings Maiesties subiects very streight sore, extreme, & terrible, although they were then, whē they were made not without great consideration & policie, moued and establyshed, and for the time to thauoydance of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessarie. But as in tempest or wynter, one course & garment is conuenient in calme or warme whether, a more liberall rase or lighter garment, both may and ought to bee followed & vsed: so we haue seene diuers streight & sore lawes made in one Parliamēt, the time so requiring, in a more calme and quyet Reigne of another Prince, by the like authoritie and Parliament repealed & taken away. The which most highe clemencie and royall example of his Maiesties most noble progenitors, the kinges highnes of his tender & godly nature most geuen to mercie and loue of his Subiectes, willing to follow, and perceauing the hartie and sincere loue, that his most louing Subiectes, bothe the Lordes & Commons doth beare vnto his highnes, now in this his maiesties tender age, willing also to gratifie the same therfore, & minding further to prouoke his said Subiectes with indulgencie and clemency shewed on his highnes behalfe, to more loue and kindnes towardes his Maiestie (if it may be) & vpon trust that they will not abuse the same, but rather be encouraged thereby more faithfully, & with more diligence (if it may bee) and care for his Maiestie, to serue his highnesse now in this his tender age, is contented & pleased, that the seueritie of certaine lawes here following be mittigated & remitted. Be it therefore ordeyned & enacted by the king our Soueraigne Lord, with thassent of the Lordes Spiritual and temporall, & of the Cōmons in this present parliamēt assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that from henceforth none act, deede or offence, being by act of Parliament or statute made Treason or petit treason, by wordes, writing, cyphring, deedes, or other wise whatsoeuer, shalbe taken had, demed or adiudged, to be high treason, or petit treason, but onely such as be treason or petit treason, in, or by act of parliament, or statute made in the xxv. yere of the reigne of the most noble king of famous memorie king Edward the iij. touching or concerning treason or the declarations of treasons: & such offences as hereafter shall by this present act be expressed & declared to be treason, or petit treason, and none other, nor that any peines of death, penaltie, or forfeiture in any wise ensue, or to bee to any of the offendors, for the doing or committing any Treason or petit treason, other then such as be in the said estatute made in the said xxv. yere of ỳ Raigne of the said king Edward the iij. or by this present estatute ordeyned & prouided: any act or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, had or made, at any time heretofore, or after the said xxv. yere of the Reigne of the saide late king Edward the iij. or any other declaration or matter to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all actes of Parliament and estatutes, touching, mencioning, or in any wise concerning Religion or opinions, that is to say, aswell the Statute made in the first yere of the Reigne of ỹ kings noble progenitor king Richard the second, and the statute made in the second yere of the reigne of king Henry the v. and the Statute also made in the xvj. yere of the Reygne of king Henry the viij. concerning punishment and reformation of Heretiques & Lollards, & euery prouision therein conteined; and the statute made for thabolishment of diuersitie of opinions, in certein Articles, concerning Christian religion, commonly called the vj. Articles, made in the Parliament begon at Westminster the xxviij. day of April in the xxxj. yere of the reigne of the most noble & victorious Prince, of most famous memorie king Henry the eight, father to our most dread soueraigne Lord the king that now is, and also thact of Parliament & statute made at the Parliament begon at Westminster the xvj. day of January, in the xxxiij. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the viij. and after that prorogued vnto the xxij. day of January, in the xxxiiij yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, touching, mencioning, or in any wise concerning Bookes of thold and new testament in English, & the Printing, vttering, selling, geuinge, or deliueringe of bookes, or writings, & reteyning of Englishe bookes or writings, and reading, preaching, teaching or expounding of Scripture, or in any wise touching, mencioning, or concerning any of the same matters. And also one other statute made in the Parliamẽt holden at Westminster, in the xxxv. yere of the reign of ỹ said late king Henry the viij. concerning the qualification of the statute of vj. Articles, & all & euery other act or acts of parliament, concerning doctrine or matters of Religion, & al & euery branch, article, sentence, & matter, peines & forfeitures cõteyned, mencioned, or in any wise declared, in any of the same actes of parliamẽt or estatutes, shal frõ hẽceforth be repealed & vtterly void & of none effect.

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that all offences made felony, by any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made sithence the xxiij. day of April, in the first yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, not being felony before, & also al and euery the braunches & articles mencioned, or in any wise declared, in any of the same statutes, concerning the making of any offence or offences, to be felony, not being felony before: and al peines and forfeitures concerning the same, or any of them, shall from henceforth be repealed and vtterly void and of none effect.

And be it also ordeined & enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that one acte made in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the xxxj. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, that proclamations made by the kinges highnes, by the aduise of his honorable counsayle, should bee obeyed and kept, as though they were made by auctori-

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of a parliament: and also one other act made in the Parliament holden in the xxiiij. yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, for the due execution of the said proclamation, & also all & every branch, article & matter in the same statutes & every of them mencioned & declared, shall from henceforth be repealed, & utterly void, & of none effect.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, at any time after the first day of March next comming, by open preaching, expresse wordes or sayinges, do affirme or set forth, that the king, his heires or successors, kinges of this Realme for the time being is not, or ought not to be supreme head in earth of the Church of England and Ireland, or any of them, immediatly under God, or that the Bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the king of England for the time being, is or ought to bee by the lawes of God, Supreme head of the same churches, or of any of them, or that the king his heires or successors, kinges of this Realme, is not or ought not to be king of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, or of any of them, or after the said first day of March, do compasse or imagine by open preaching, expresse wordes, or sayinges, to depose or deprive the king, his heires or successors kinges of this Realme, from his or their Royal estate, or titles, to, or of the Realmes aforesaide, or doe openly publish, or say by expresse wordes or sayinges, that any other person or persons, other then the king, his heires or successors, kinges of this Realme, of right ought to be kinges of the Realmes aforesaid, or any of them, or to have & enioy the same, or any of them, that then every such offendor, being therof duely convicted or attainted by the lawes of this Realme, their aiders comforters, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, for his or their first offence, shall lose and forfait to the king, all his & their goodes, and catteles, and also shal have & suffer imprisonment of his & their bodies at the kinges will and pleasure. And if any person being once convicted or attainted of any of the said offences, shall after his conviction or attainder, eftsoones commit or perpetrate any of the offences before mencioned, other then such as be expressed in the said statute, made in the said xxv. yere of king Edward the third, and shalbe therof duely convicted or attainted by the lawes of this Realme: that then every such offendor, their aiders, comforters, abbettors, procurors, and counsaylors, for his or their said second offence or offences, shall lose and forfait to the king the whole issues and profites, of all his & their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefices, prebendes, and other spiritual promocions for terme of life, of such offendor or offendors, and shall also lose and forfait to the kinge all his and their goodes and catells, and also suffer during his and their liues, perpetual imprisonmēt of his and their bodies. And if any person beeing two times hereafter convicted or attainted, of any of the same offences, shall after his said second conviction or attainder, eftsoones cōmit or perpetrat again any of

the said offences to be therof duely conuicted or attainted by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then euery such third offence or offences shalbe demed and adiudged bygh Treason, and the offendor or offendors, their ayders, comforters, abbettors, procurors, & counsaylors, being therof conuicted or attainted according to the lawes & statutes of this Realme, shalbe demed and adiudged high Traytors, & shal suffer peines of death, & lose and forfait al their goodes and catteils, landes and tenements to the king, as in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that if any person or persons, at any time after the said first day of March next comming, by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, do affirme, or set forth, that the king of this Realme for the time being, is not, or ought not to be Supreme head in earth of the Church of England and Ireland, or of any of them, immediatly vnder God, or shall by writing, printinge, ouert deede or acte, after the said first day of March, affirme or set forth that the bishop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other then the king of England for the time being, is or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwise, the Supreme head in earth of the same Churches, or of any of them, or do after the said first day of March, compasse or imagin by writing, printing, ouert deede or acte, to depose or deprine the king, his heires or successors, kinges of this Realme, from his or their Royal estate, or titles of the king of England, Fraunce, & Ireland, or of any of them, or by any writing, printing, ouert dede or act, do affirme that any other person or persons, other then the king, his heires and successours is, or of right ought to be king of the Realmes of England, Fraunce, or Ireland, or to haue and enioy the same, or any of them: that then euery such offence and offences, shalbe demed, and adiudged bygh Treason, and the offendor & offendors, their aydors, comforters, abbettors, procurors, & counsaylors therin cõuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & statutes of this Realme, shalbe demed & adiudged high Traytors, & shal suffer peines of death, & lose & forfait al their goodes and catteles landes and tenementes to the king, as in cases of high Treason.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this statute, or any thing therin conteined, shal not in any wise extend to repeale, adnul, or make frustrate or void, any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes made, concerning the counterfeiting, or forgeinge, of any of the coynes of this Realme, or for the coine of any other realme or realmes, currant within this realme, or for clipping, washing or fyling any of the said coynes, or for, or concerning the bringing into this Realme of counterfeit money or coyne: ne to any statute made in the xxbij. yere of the said late king Henry the eight, concerning the false forging and counterfayting of the kinges lygnes Manuel, priuy lygnet, or priue seale, ne to their counsaylors, procurors, aydors, and abbettors, nor to any article or braunch, concerning the same offences or

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any of them conteyned in the same statutes, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any the heires of the king our said Soueraigne Lord that now is, or any person or persons, to whom the Crowne & dignitie of this Realme is limited and appointed by acte of Parliament, made in the xxxv. yere of the reigne of the said late kinge Henry the eight, or the heires of any of thē do at any time hereafter, vsurpe the one of them vpon the other, in the Crowne of this Realme, or demaunde, challenge, or claime the same, otherwise, or in any other forme or degree of discent or succession, or in any other course, forme, degree, or condicion, but onely in such maner & forme, as is declared by the saide estatute, or if any of the said heires or persons aforesaid, do interrupt or let the kinges highnes that now is, peaceably & quietly to keepe, haue, & enioy the said Imperial Crowne: that then al & singuler the offēdors, their aiders, comforters, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, therin, shalbe deemed and aiudged hyghe Traytors, & shall suffer and incurre the peines of death, losse, & forfeytures, as is aforesaid, in cases of high Treason.

And it is further ordeyned & enacted by the aucthority aforesaid, that no person or persons, that heretofore hath bene, or at any time hereafter shalbee, in due forme of the lawes, attainted or conuicted of murder or malyce prepenced, or of poysoning of malice prepenced or of breaking of any house by day or by night, any person being then in the same house, where the same breaking heretofore hath bene, or hereafter shalbe committed, and heretofore hath ben, or hereafter shalbe thereby put in feare or dread, or of, or for robbing of any person or persons in the high way, or nere to the high way, or for felonious stealing of horses, geldings, or mares, or of felonious taking of any goodes out of any parish Church or other church or chappel, or beeing indicted or appealed of any of the same offences, and thereupon found gilty by verdict of xij. men, or shall confesse the same, vpon his or their arraignement, or wil not aunswere dyrectly, according to the lawes of this Realme, or shal stand wilfully or of malice mute, shall not be admitted to haue or enioy the priuiledge or benefite of his Clergie or Sanctuarie, but shalbe put from the same: & that in all other cases of felony, other then such as before mencioned, all and singuler person & persons, which after the first day of March next comming, shalbe arraigned or found gilty, vpon his or theyr arraignement, or shal confesse the same, or stand mute, in forme aforesaid, or will not aunswere directly in fourme abouesaid, shall haue & enioy the priuiledge & benefite of his or their Clergie, the libertie & priuiledge of Sanctuarie, in like manner & forme, as he or they might, or should haue done, before the xxiiij. day of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne of the said late king Henry the eight.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that all clauses, articles, and sentences, mencioned or specified in any act or

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actes of Parliament, statute or statutes made in the time of the reigne of the said late kinge Henry the eight, touching, or in any wise concerning any maner of challenge, for the Countie, Hundred, or peremptorie challenge or any of them, or touchinge or in any wise concerning any maner of triall of forreine pleas pleaded by Murtherers, felons, or other offendors that, as concerning the said challenges & trialls, remaine in their force & strength not repealed: any thing in this acte mencioned, sounding or semyng to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte of Parliament, or any thing therein mencioned, as concerninge the repeale of any statute or estatutes, made touchinge Treason, or misprision of treason, shal not in any wise geue any maner of benefite, aduantage, or commoditie, to any person or persons, beinge the last day of October last past, arrested or imprisoned for Treason petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any person or persons heretofore being indicted of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any other person or persons, being likewise conuicted, outlawed, or attainted, of treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or being fled beyond the seas, or into Scotland, before ỳ said last day of October last past, for any treason, petit treaſõ, or misprision of treason: but that they & euery of them, shall suffer such peines of death losses, & forfeitures of lands & goods, as in cases of treason, as though this act had neuer ben had or made: any thing in this act to the cõtrarie in any wise notwithstanding: & that the lawes & statutes repealed by this act shall stand against them, & euery of thẽ, in ful strength, vertue, force, & effect, concerning al & euery offence by thẽ or any of thẽ heretofore committed or done.

Prouided also and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al wilful killing, by poysoning of any person or persons, that at any time hereafter shalbe done, perpetrated or committed, & albe adiudged, taken, and deemed wilfull Murders of malyce prepenced, and that the offendors therin, their aydors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, shal suffer death, and forfait in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wilfull murder of malyce prepenced.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in al and euery cafe and cases, where any of the kinges Maiesties subiects shal and may vpon his prayer, haue the priuiledge of Clergie, as a clerk conuicte, that may make purgation, in al those cases and euery of them, and also in all and euery cafe and cases of felony, wherin the priuiledge and benefit of clergie is restreined, excepted, or taken away by this estatute or acte (wilfull murder, and poysoning of malice prepenced, onely excepted) the Lord and Lordes of the Parliament, and Peere & Peeres of the realme, hauing place & voyce in parliament, shal by vertue of this present acte of common grace, vpon his or their request or prayer, alleaging that he is a Lord or Peere of this realme, & clayming the benefite

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of this act, though he cannot read, without any burning in the hande, losse of inheritance, or corruption of his blonde, be adiudged, demed, taken, & vsed, for his first time onely, to al intents, constructions, & purpoles, as a clerk conuict, & shal in case of a clerk conuict, which may make purgation, without any further or other benefit or priuiledge of clergy, to any such Lord of Peere, from thencefoorth at any time after, for any cause to be allowed, adiudged or admitted: any law, statute, vlage, custome, or any other thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, that if any of the said Lords of the Parliament, or any of the peeres of this Realme, for the time being, shal fortune to be indicted of any of the offences lymitted in this act: that then they and euery of them, shal haue his or their trial by their peeres, as it hath ben vsed heretofore, in cases of highe Treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, that by this statute, or by any other statutes or lawes of this Realme ought to haue, or be admitted, to the benefite of hys, or their clergy: that the same person & persons shalbe from henceforth admitted & allowed to hys or their clergie, although they or any of them, haue ben diuers & sundry times maried, to any single woman, or single women, or to any widow, or widowes, or to two wiues, or mo: any law statute, or vlage to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctheritie aforesaid that albeit any person or persons, of what estate, condition or degree, he or they be, shal hereafter fortune to be attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, of any Treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, murder, or felony whatsoeuer, yet that notwithstanding, euery woman, that is, or shal fortune to be wife of the person so attainted, conuicted, or outlawed shalbe endowable and enable to demaunde, haue, & enioy her dower, in like maner and forme, as though her husband had not bene attainted, conuicted, or outlawed: any statute, law, vlage, or custome to the contrarie in any wise notwithstandinge. Sauing to all and euery other person and persons bodies politique & corporat, their heires and successors, and to euery of them, other then to such offendor or offendors as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed, al such right, title, interest, entrie, leases, possession, condition, profit, commoditie, & hereditamentes, as they or any of them had, or should, or of right ought, to haue, before, or at the time of the said attainder, conuiction, or outlagarie.

Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesaid, that one acte made at the Parliament holden at Westminster, vpon diuers prorogations, the iiij. day of February, in the xxvij. yere of the said late king Henry the eight, and there continued and kept, vntill the xxiiij. day of April then next ensuing, concerning and touching the felonious taking away by any seruaunt, the goodes or cattells of the Master or Maystresse, and all Articles and sentences conteyned in the same acte, shal

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ſtande, be, and remaine in full ſtrength, force, and effect, in ſuch maner and forme, as it did before the making of this preſent act, the repeale or reuocation of the actes aboueſaid, to the contrary not withſtanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the aucthouity aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons ſhal in any wiſe be impeched or put to aunſwere, for any of thoffences aboueſaid, cõcerning treaſons, by open preaching or wordes onely, vnleſſe the partie offendor or offendors be thereof accuſed within xxx. dayes next after the ſame open preaching, or wordes ſo ſpoken or declared, if thaccuſors ſhall fortune to be win this Realme, during the ſaid ſpace of xxx. dayes, next after the ſaid offence cõmitted or done. And if the accuſors ſhal happen to be out of this realme, during the ſaid ſpace of xxx. daies: then the partie or parties ſo offeding, ſhalbe accuſed, as is aforeſaid, within vj. monethes, next after the ſame preaching, or wordes ſpoken or declared or els the partie or parties ſo offending, their aydors, comforters, abbettors, and counſailors, or any of them not to be impeached or put to aunſwere for any ſuch offence or offences, & that the ſame accuſation or accuſations ſo to be had, made, & declared, ſhalbe made to one of the kings Counſell, or to one of the kinges Juſtices of Aſſiſe, or els to one of the kinges Juſtices of peace being of the Quorum, or to ij. Juſtices of the peace, within the ſhire, where the ſame offence or offences ſhal happen to be done or committed: any thing conteyned in this act to the contrarie in any wiſe not withſtanding.

Prouided alwaies and be it declared and enacted by the auctho̅ity aboueſaid, that concealment or keeping ſecrete any high Treaſon, ſhalbe from henceforth, adiudged, deemed, & taken, miſpriſion of Treaſon, and the offendor therein ſhall forfait and ſuffer, as in caſes of miſpriſion of Treaſon, as heretofore hath bene vſed: any thing aboue mencioned to the contrarie not withſtanding.

Prouided alſo, and be it declared & enacted by the auctho̅itie aboueſaid, that this acte or any thing therein conteyned, ſhall not extende to charge or make any perſon or perſons to be offendor or offendors, in any of the articles aboueſaid, for calling, naming ſaying, writing, or printing the French king, for the time being, by the name of the king of Fraunce or French king, any thing aboue declared and enacted, to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtanding.

Prouyded alwaies, and be it enacted by the auethority aforeſaid, that no perſon or perſons, after the firſte day of Februarie next comminge, ſhalbe indicted, arreigned, condempned or conuicted for any offence of Treaſon, petit treaſon, miſpriſion of treaſon, or for any woordes before ſpecified, to be ſpoken after the ſaide firſt day of Februarie, for whiche the ſame offendor, ſpeaker, offendors or ſpeakers, ſhall in any wiſe ſuffer any peines of death, impriſonment, loſſe, or forfeiture of his goodes, cattalles, landes, or tenementes, vnleſſe the ſame offendour, ſpeaker, offendors or ſpeakers, be accuſed by two ſufficient and lawfull wytneſſes,

nesses, as shall willingly without byolence confesse the same.

¶ An act for a Subsidie of Tonnage & Pondage of Merchandise, with a Prouiso for the confirmation of the Priuiledges of the Merchaũts of the Styliard, which Prouiso shall indure but onely to the ende of this Parlyament.

¶ The ciij. Chapiter.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your most excellent Maiestie, your poore Cõmons in this your present Parliament assembled, that where aswell your most dearest father of famous memory kinge Henry the viij, as also your most worthy grauudfather king Henry the vij. & other your noble progenitors kings of this your realm of Englãd, time out of minde, haue had, graũted vnto them, & enioyed of the cõmons of ẏ same realme for the time being, by aucthority of Parliament for the defẽce of the same now your realme, & the keping & safegard of the seas for thentercourse of Merchandise, safely to come into the same your Realme, & to passe out of the same, certeine summes of money, named subsidies, of al maner of goods & merchandizes, rõming in or going out of the same your realme: And forasmuch as we your said poore cõmons haue perceiued your Maiesties good fauour & wil towards vs your saide poore cõmons, had aswel in ẏ defence of vs, & this your realme, against your Rebels the Scottes, as also the keping & sure defending of the seas, against al persons intending the disturbance & inuasion of this your realme, & vs your said cõmons, to our great comfort & reioysing, as cause requireth, & to your Maiesties great costes, charges, & expences, & also not doubting ẏ sequele of ẏ same if nede shal require. We therefore your said poore cõmons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desire your excellent Maiesty benignely & fauorably to take, accept, & receiue these our poore graũts herafter ensuing, as grãted of true hartes & good wills, which we beare to your highnes, towardes your said great costes, charges, & expences, aswel heretofore expẽded & laid out, as hereafter by your maiestie for the causes aforsaid, whẽ nede shal require, to be expẽded & laid out, as the first fruits of our good wils & hartes toward your highnes, although the same do, or hereafter shal nothing in effect counteruayle your said costes, charges, & expẽces, which we be not able fully to gratifie by any meanes. First we your poore cõmons, by the aduise & assent of the Lords spiritual & tẽporal, in this your present Parliamẽt assembled, & by the aucthority of ẏ same, to thintent aforesaid, geue & graũt to you our said soueraigne Lord, one subsidy called Tonnage, ẏ is to say, of euery tõne of wine cõming, or ẏ shal, or is come into this your realme by way of Merchãdise, ẏ sũme of iij. s. & so after the rate: & of euery tõne of sweete wine, aswel Malmesey as other ẏ shal, or is come into ẏ same your realme, by euery or any Merchant alien, aswel by the merchãts of

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Haunſe and Almayne, as by any other Merchant ſtraunger, of what nacion ſoeuer he be iij.s. and ſo after the rate, ouer & aboue the iij.s. afore graunted. And of euery awme of Reniſh wyne comming, or that ſhal or is come into this your realme, by way of Merchandiſe, by euery or any Merchant, denizen, or alien, of what nation ſoeuer he be xij.d. And alſo one other ſubſidie called Pondage, that is to ſay, of all maner of goodes & merchandiſes, of euery Merchãt, Denizen, & alien whatſo euer he be, caried & to be caried out of this your ſaid realme, or brought, or to be brought into the ſame by way of marchandiſes, of the value of euery xx.s. of the ſame goodes and merchandizes xij.d. and ſo after the rate. And of xx.s. value of Tinne and Pewter veſſel caried out of this your Realme, by any and euery Merchant alien xij.d. ouer and aboue the xij.d. aforeſaide. Except alwaies and forpriſed out of this graunt of ſubſidie of Pondage, all maner of woollen cloth made and wrought, or that ſhalbe made & wrought within this Realme of England, & by euery or any Merchant denizen, and not borne alien, caried or to be caried out of this your ſaid Realme, and all maner of wolle, wolle felles, and hydes, & backes of Leather alſo caried or to be caried, out of this your Realme, and all wines, and al maner of freſh Fiſhe, & beſtial, comming, or that is or ſhal come into the ſame your Realme.

And further, we your ſaid poore Commons, by the aduiſe, aſſent, and aucthoritie aforeſaid, geue and graunt vnto you our ſaid Soueraigne Lord, for the cauſes aboue rehearſed, one other Subſidie of all maner of wolle, wolle felles, & leather caried or to bee caried out of thys your Realme, in maner & forme following, that is to ſay, of euery merchant denizen of and for euery ſacke of woll xxxiij.s. iiij.d. And of euery cc.xl. woll felles xxxiij.s. iiij.d. And of and for euery laſt of hydes and backes of euery ſuch Merchant denizẽ iij.li. vi.s. viij.d. And alſo of euery merchant ſtraunger not borne your lyege man, aſwell thoſe that bee made denizens, as hereafter ſhalbe made by letters patents, or otherwiſe, as all other merchant ſtraungers, of, and for euery ſacke of woll iij.li. vj.s. viij.d. And of & for euery cc.xl. wolle felles iij.li. vi.s. viij.d. And alſo of euery laſt of hydes and backes iij.li. xiij.s iiij.d. And ſo of all the ſayde wolles, wolle felles, hydes & backes, & euery of them, after the rate that ſo is, or ſhalbe caried, to haue, take, enioy, & perceaue the ſubſidies aforeſaid, & euery of them, & euery part or parcel of thẽ to your highnes, from the firſt day of your moſt noble Raigne, during your lyfe natural.

And further, we your ſaid poore Commons moſt humbly deſire your Maieſtie, that it may be enacted by your highneſſe, by the aduiſe and aſſent of the Lords aforeſaid, and vs your ſaid Commons, & by the fore ſaid aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that the giftes & grauntes aforeſaid, ſhalbe good & effectuall, according to the true meaning of the ſame. And that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that if any wynes, goodes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wolle-

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felles, hides, & backes of leather aforesayde, or other thinges afore specifyed wherof the subsidies aforesaide, or any of them, is or shalbe hereafter due, shal at any time hereafter, during the time aforesaid, be shipped or put into any boate, craier, ship, or vessel, to that intent to be caryed into the partes of beyonde the sea, or els be brought from the partes of beyōd the sea, into any port, haue, creeke, or other place of this your realme by way of marchandise and there laide on lande, the Subsidie aforesaid of the same (due or to be due by reason of this graūt) not payed, or the collectour of the same Subsidy not agreed with for the same according to the true meaning and intent of these aforesayd grauntes, and euery of them: that then from the first day of March next cōming and not before, al the said wines, goods, merchaundises, woolls, woolfelles, hides and backes, and other the premisses aforesaide, and euerie part and parcel thereof so shipped or els put into any boate, craier, or other vessel aforesaid, to thintent aforesayd, or brought into this realme and there laid on land. as is also aforesaid, shal remaine forfayt to your highnes, during the time aforesaid: the one moity thereof, or the value therof to your highnesse, and the other moitye to him or them that shall seaze the same or sue for the same. And that it may please your highnes that al marchaunts as wel Denizens as straungers, cōming into this your realme, be well & honestly intreated & demeaned, as they were in the time of your aforesaid noble progenitors without oppressiō to them to be done, paying the subsidies abouesaid.

And further, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any goods, merchaūdises, wolles, woolfells or leather aforesayd, or anie part therof of any merchaunt denizen naturally borne your liege man, which shall passe out of this your said realme, after the said first day of March, during the terme of this gifte and graunt, shall happen to be taken with enemies or pirates vppon the sea, or perished by misfortune in any ship or ships, that shal happen to be taken or perished within the time of the said graunt, whereof the subsidies aforesaid or any of them to your highnes due or to be due, is, or shal be in forme aforesaide duelie payed or agreed for without fraude or collusion, and such losse or losses as ben before rehearsed, be founde and proued before the Treasorer of England, or the chiefe Baron of your Exchequer for the time being, by the examinuation of the same merchaunts if they be on liue, or of their executous or administrators, if they bee dead, or two true credible persons sworne, or other reasonable witnes & proues sworne, wytnessynge the same merchādises so to be lost or perished: that then the same merchaunts denizens that were or shalbe owners of the aforesayde goods merchādises, wolle, woollfelles, hydes or other merchaundyses aforesaid, as shall be so perished or lost, if they be on liue, or their executours, and admynystratours, if they bee dead, and euerye of them, by force and vertue of this acte when them liketh, duringe the saide terme, shal

moue ship almuch wolle, woolfelles, hydes or other marchaūdise in the same port or ports, in which the same wool, woolfelles, hydes, or other goods and marchaundises aforesaid, so lost & perysshed, were or shall be shipped without any of the subsidies aforesaid nowe graūted, to be had or paied therfore to you in any wise, and that al such profites of the premisses so to be lost or perished, be certyfied into your Chaūcery, by your said treasorer or chief Baron, there to remaine of record and after such certificat made the Chauncellor of England, or the Lord keper of your great seale, for the time being, do make and deliuer vnto the saide merchauntes, their executors or administrators, or any of them, or to their attorney, or to their attorneis in that behalfe, or any of them, as manye and suche writtes and warrantes to bee directed as well to the collectours of the subsidies aforesaid, or any, or euery of them for the time being, as to the treasorer & barons of your Eschequer for the time beinge as shalbe requisite and nedeful for the said merchāts, their executours or administratours or their attorney or attorneys, or any of thē, or the saide collectors or any of them, to haue for the obtayninge, aswell of the shipping, as of allowance therof: And further that euery marchaūt denizen that shal ship hereafter any wooll, woolfelles, hides, or any other goodes and marchaundises in any carricke or galley, shall pay to your Maiestie during the time aforesaid, al maner of customes and al ỳ subsidies aforesaid, as any alien borne out of this your realme.

Prouided alwaies, that no acte, statute, or ordinaunce had, made or to be made in this present Parliament, be in any wise hurtful or preiudicial vnto the marchaunts of the Hanse in Almayne, hauing the house in the citie of London, cōmonly called Guilhalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties, or priuileges to them or theire predecessors before this time had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawful vsages by them or by their predecessors before this tyme vsed, but that the saide merchauntes, and their successors haue, holde, and enioye, all their saide fraunchises, liberties, and free vsages, accordynge to suche grauntes, confirmations and agreementes, as by the king and his noble progenitors kinges of England haue beene agreed, made & graūted and had to the said merchauntes or their predecessours, and according to their lawfull vsages in euery thing, by whatsoeuer other name or names, the same merchaūts, or any of them be called, or named: any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present Parlyament to the contrary notwithstanding: This present prouiso to endure and continue vnto the ende of this present parliament.

¶ The .xiiij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte whereby certaine Chauntries, Colleges, free chappell, and the possessions of the same, be geuen to the kings Maiestie.

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THe kinges moſt louing ſubiects, the lordꝭ Spirituall & temporall, & the cõmons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, conſideringe þ a great part of ſuperſtition & errours of Chriſtian religion, hath been brought into þ minds & eſtimatiõ of men, by reaſon of þ ignorance of their very true & perfit ſaluatiõ, through þ death of Jeſus Chriſt, & by deuiſing & phãtaſying vayne opinions of purgatorie, & maſſes ſatiſfactorie, to be done for them, whiche be departed: The which doctrine & vaine opiniõ, by nothing more is maiteined and vpholden then by the abuſe of Trentals, Chauntries, and other prouiſions made for the continuaunce of the ſaide blindneſſe and ignoraunce: And further conſidering and vnderſtanding that the alteration, chaunge, and amendement of the ſame, and conuerting to good & godly vſes, as in erecting Grãmer Scholes to the educatiõ of youth in vertue & goodlynes, the further augmenting of the Vniuerſities, & better prouiſion for the poore and needie, cannot in thys preſent Parliament be prouided, and conueniently done, nor cannot, ne oughte to any other maner perſon bee committed, then to the kynges highneſſe, whoſe Maieſtie, with, and by the aduiſe of his highnes moſt prudente Counſaile, can & will moſt wiſely, and beneficially bothe for the honour of God, and the weale of his Maieſties Realme, order, alter, conuerte, and diſpoſe the ſame. And calling further to their remembraunce that in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter þ xxviij. yeare of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde kinge Henrie the eyght, father to oure moſt dread and naturall Soueraigne Lorde the kynge that nowe is, it was ordeined, enacted, and eſtabliſhed amongſt other thynges, that al & ſinguler Colleges, free Chappelles, Chauntries, Hoſpitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other promocions mencioned in the ſaid former act, had, or made to haue continuance in perpetuitie for euer, and then being, or that hadde, or ought to bee contributorie or chargeable to the payment of the firſt fruites and tenthes, accordynge to the lawes and ſtatutes in that behalfe hadde, and made, by what name, ſurname, degree, or corporatiõ, they, or any of them were fouded ordeined, eſtabliſhed, erected, named, called, or knowen: and al and ſinguler the manſion houſes, manours, orchardes, gardens, landes, tenements, paſtures, woods, waters, rents, reuercions, ſeruices, cõmons, tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chappelles, aduowſons, nompnations, patronages, annuities, rightes, intereſtes, entries, cõditions, leetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchiſes, & other heredytamẽts whatſoeuer, then apperteining, or belonging, or þ did appertaine, or belong, or were aſſigned, or appointed to any ſuche colledge, free chappel, chauntrie, hoſpital, fraternitie, brotherhed, guilde, ſtypendarie Prieſt, or other the ſaid promocions, or to any of them, or accepted, knowen, or takẽ as part, parcel, or member of them, or of any of them: & to the ſaide

Colledges chauntryes, free chappelles, hospitalles, fraternyties, brotherhed, guilde, stypendarie priestes, or other promocions, or to any of them vnited, or annexed: which betwene ẏ. iiij. day of February, in the xxvij. yere of the saide late kings reigne, & the xxv. day of December in the. xxxvij. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entrie, expulsion, bargain, sale, feoffement, fine, recouerie, lease, or other conueighance there of made, were dissolued, determined, or relinquished by any of ẏ wayes meanes, or conueighaunces, mencioned in the saide acte, or otherwyse other then such of them, as then were in the possession of the sayde late king, or that were graunted, or assured by his licence, agrement, cõsent or letters patentes, to any person or persons, or then had been lawfully obteined, or recouered by any person, by any former right, or title, with out fraude or couin, or by the kings licence: shal frõ thenceforth by auctoritie of the same former acte, be adiudged & deemed, & also bee in the very actual and real possession & seison of the saide late king, and of hys heires and successours for euer: in as large & ample maner, as the saide priestes, wardens, masters, ministers, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbents, or any of them, or the patrons, donours, or foundours of any of them at anie time sithens the saide fowerth day of Februarie in the xxvij. yere aforesayd, had occupied, or enioyed, or then had, occupied, or enioyed the same, & as though al and singuler the said colledges, chaũtries, Hospitalles, free chappelles, Fraternities, brotherheads, guildes, and other the saide promocions, and the saide manours, Landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses, whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them, had been in the said former act, specially, particulerly, & certainly rehearsed, named, & expressed by expresse woordes, names, surnames, corporations, titles, & faculties, and in their naturall kindes and qualities: the saide entrees, expulsions, bargaines, sales, fynes, feoffements, recoueries, or other assurance, and conueyghaunce whatsouer they were, had, or made (except before in the former acte excepted) to the contrary notwithstanding. And where also it was enacted and graunted by the saide late king, by the saide former acte, that the same late king during his natural life, might make and direct his commissiõ and commissions vnder his great seale, to enter into al & singuler such and as many chauntries, free chappelles, hospytalles, colledges, and other the promocions mencioned in the saide former acte, & into al and singuler suche manours, mansions, houses, meases, lands, tenements, pastures, wooddes, waters, rentes, reuercions, seruices, possessions, & other heredytaments whatsoeuer, or into any parte, or parcell thereof in the name, season, and possession of all the heredytaments, annexed, vnited, belonging, or apperteining to any chauntry, hospital, free chappel, colledge, fraternytie, brotherhead, guilde, or other the said promocions, or whereof any priestes, prouostes, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbents, of them, or of any of thẽ, by what name, surname, degree,

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title, or corporation, they, and euery of them, or any of them were founded, erected, ordeined, established, named, called, or knowē, then had or enioyed, or that hereafter should haue, or enioy to the said Chauntries, hospitalles, free chappelles, colledges, fraternities, brotherheads, guildes, or other the said promocions that then were chargeable to the payment of the first fruites, and tenthes, & all colleges that were chargeable, or not chargeable to the said payment of the first fruites & tenthes as is aforesaide, or to any of them, as should bee named, expressed & appointed in the saide commission or commissions: and to seyse and take the same chauntries, hospitalles, colleges, free chappelles, fraternities, brotherheds, guildes, and other the saide promocions, manors, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses mencioned in the saide commission or commissions, and in euerye of them, and euerie parte, parcell, and member of the same into the kinges possession and hands, to haue and to holde the same to the saide late kinge, and to his heires & successors, for euer, as by the said former acte amongst other things more at large appeareth: it is now ordeined and enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde with the assent of the lordes and commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that al manner of colleges, free chappelles, and chauntries, hauing, being, or in esse, with in fiue yeares nert beefore the first daye of thys present Parliament, which were not in actual and real possession of the saide late king, nor in the actuall and reall possession of the kyng our soueraigne lorde that now is, nor excepted in the said former acte in fourme aboue said, other then suche as by the kings cōmissions in fourme hereafter mencioned shalbe altered, transported, or chaunged, and all manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, porcions, and other hereditamentes, and thinges aboue mencioned, belonging to them or any of them: and also al manours, landes, tenementes, rents, and other hereditaments and thinges aboue mencioned by any maner of assurance, conueyghance, will, deuise, or otherwise, had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, geuen, assigned, limitted, or appoynted to the fyndinge of anye Priest, to haue continuance for euer, and wherewith, or whereby anye priest was susteined, mainteined, or founde within fiue yeres nert before the first day of this present parliament, which were not in the actual and real possession of the saide late king, nor in the actual and real possession of our soueraigne lord the king that now is: and also, all annual rents, profites, and emoluments at any time within fiue yeares nert before the beginning of this present Parliament, employed, paied or bestowed, toward, or for ỹ maintenance, supportation, or findinge of any stipendarie priest, intending by any acte, or wryting to haue continuaunce for euer, shall by the auctoritie of thys present Parlyament, immediatlye after the feast of Easter nert comming, be abridged & demed, and also be in the very actual and real possession and seasen of the

king our ſouereaigne lord, & his heires and ſucceſſors for euer, wythout anie office or other inquiſition thereof to bee had, or founde, and in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the prieſtes, wardens, maſters miniſters, gouernours, rulers, or other incumbents of them, or any of them, at any time within fiue yeres next before the beginninge of thys preſent Parliament, had, occupied, or enioyed, or now hath, occupieth, or enioyeth the ſame, and as though all and ſinguler the ſaid colledges free chappelles, chauntries, ſtipendes, ſalaries of prieſtes, and the ſaid manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premyſſes whatſoeuer they be, & euery of them, were in this preſent acte ſpecially, particulerly, and certeinelye rehearſed, named, & expreſſed by expreſſe wordes, names, ſurnames, corporations, titles, & faculties, and in their natures, kindes, and qualities.

And ouer that be it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of thys preſent parliament, that where anye mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, porcions, rentes, profites, or other hereditamentes, by any maner of aſſurance, conueighaunce, wil, deuiſe, or other wiſe at any time heretofore had, made, ſuffred, knowledged, or declared, were geuen, aſſigned, or appointed, to, or for the maintenaunce, ſuſtentation, or finding of one prieſt, or of diuers prieſts for terme of certayne yeares yet continuing, and that any prieſt hath been mainteined, ſuſteyned, or found with the ſame, or with the reuenues, or profites thereof wythin fiue yeres laſt paſt, that the king from the ſaide feaſt of Eaſter next cõming, ſhal haue and enioy in euery behalfe, for, and during al ſuch time to come, euery ſuche, and lyke thinges, tenementes, hereditamentes, profites, and emolumentes, as the prieſt, or prieſtes oughte, or ſhoulde haue had, for, or toward his, or their maintenaũce, ſuſtenaunce, or fynding, & for no longer, or further time, nor for any other profit, auaũtage or commoditie thereof to be taken,

Prouyded alwaies, and it is ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie of thys preſent parliament, that when & aſſone as the time aſſigned, for the maintenaunce, ſuſtentation, or finding of the prieſt, or prieſtes ſhall be expired and runne: that then it ſhalbe lawfull to euery perſon & perſones, to whom any mannours, landes, tenements, tithes, porcyons, pencions, rents, & other hereditaments, or any of them ſhould haue belonged, or apperteined, if the ſaid former Act, and this Acte had neuer ben had, or made, to enter into, take, perceiue, haue, and enioy the ſame without any maner of liuery, ouſter le maine, peticion, or other ſuite to be made to the king, in like maner forme, & condition, to al entents conſtructions, & purpoſes, as though the ſaid former acte and this act had neuer bene had, or made, & as though the king had neuer had any ſeaſõ or poſſeſſion therof. Any thing in the ſaid former act or in this act to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

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liament that the king our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, from the saide feast of Easter next comming, shal haue hold, perceiue, & enioy for euer, al landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditaments which by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, willes, will, deuise or otherwise at any time heretofore had, made, suffred, knowledged, or declared, were geuen, assigned, or appoynted to goe, or bee employed wholly to the fynding, or mayntenaunce of any anniuersarie, or obite, or other thing, entēt, or purpose, or of any light, or lampe, in any church or chappell, to haue continuance for euer, whiche hath beene kepte, or mainteined within fiue yeres next before the said first day of this present Parliament.

And also that where but parte of the issues, or reuenues of any Mannours, landes, tenements, rentes, or other hereditaments hath by any of the waies or meanes aboue saide ben geeuen, assigned, or appoynted to be bestowed, or employed to the finding or maintenaunce of any anniuersarie, or obite, or other like thinge, intente, or purpose, or of anye light or lampe in any churche or chappel, and to haue continuaunce for euer: that then our soueraigne lord the kyng shall from the sayde feast of Easter next comming for euer, haue, perceiue, and enioy euery suche summes of money, that in any one yere within fiue yeres next before ỳ first day of this present parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the finding, or maintenaunce of any suche anniuersarie, or obite, or other like thinge, intente, or purpose of any lighte, or lampe, to hym, his heires and successours for euer, as a rent charge to bee payed yerely at the feasts of Saynt Michaell the Archangell, and the Annunciation of our Lady Sainct Mary the Virgin, by euen porcions in the kinges court of the Augmentations, and reuenues of his Crowne, or in any other court, or courtes, as the king hereafter shall appoint. And that it shalbe lawful to our saide Soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours for non payment of anye suche summe or summes of money, to distreine in the sayde manours, landes, and tenementes of the issues and reuenues, whereof the saide anniuersarie, or obyte, or other like thing, or any such light or lāpe was found, sustained, or mainteyned. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in, or vppon any of the premisses, wherof any of the sayde yerely rentes, or summes of money should be payed by the space of one moneth next after that anye of the saide rentes should be paied, and be not paied within the sayd moneth that then it shalbe lawful to, & for our soueraigne Lorde the kinge, hys heires, and successours by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possesse, as much of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, wherof the said rent, or rents should be leuied, or paied, as the rent or rentes that shoulde be leuied, or paied oute of the same, doth, or shal amount or come to in yerely value, and the same lands, tenements and hereditaments to hold and keepe, and to haue to our sayde Soue-

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reigne lord the king, his heires and assignes for euer, or for suche estate as our soueraigne Lord the king, his heires, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in the said rent, or rents.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the authoritie of thys present Parliament, that oure soueraigne lorde the kinge, shall from the sayd feast of Easter next comming, haue, perceyue, and enioy all & singuler suche summes of money, profytes, commodyties, and emoluments, which by vertue of any maner of assurannce, conueighaunce, cõpoticion, wil, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue ben geuen, assigned, limitted, or appointed to haue continuance, for euer, whych in any one yeare within fiue yeres next before the beginning of this present parliament haue ben paied, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of corporations, guildes, fraternities, companies, or felowships of misteries, or craftes, or any of them, beinge in Englande, Wales, and other the kynges dominions, or by the masters, wardens, gouernours, or other officers, or ministers, or by the master, warden, gouernor, or other officer, or minyster of them, or any of them, towarde, or about the finding, mayntenaunce, or sustentation of any priest or Priestes, of anie annyuersarie, or obit, lampe, light or lights, or other like thing, as is aforesaide, to our saide souereigne Lorde the kinge, his heires, and successours for euer: to be paied yearely, as a rent charge, at the feastes of Saynt Michaell the Archaungel, and the Annunciation of our Lady, by euen porcions, in the kings court of Augmentations, and reuenues of hys crowne or in any other court or courtes, as the king hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to our sayde soueraigne lord the kinge, his heires and successours for non paiment of any such summes, or summe of money, profyte, commoditie, or emolument, or for non payment of anie of them, to distreyne in al the manors, lands, and tenements of euerye suche craftes, corporations, guildes, fraternityes, companyes, or felowshippes of misteries or craftes, or anye of them, by whom, or by the masters, wardens, gouernors, or other officers, or ministers, or master warden, gouernor, or minister, of the which any such summes, or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue or hath been payed bestowed, or employed: And that all and euery of the sayd summes of money, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, shall from the feast of Easter next comming, without any maner of inquisition, or office to be had or founde, be iudged and demed to be in the actual and reall possession of our said Soueraigne Lord the king, in like maner & fourme, to all intents, cõstructions, & purposes, as if the same had ben particularly and specially mencioned in this present acte.

And furthermore be it ordeyned & enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that the king our soueraigne Lorde, shall from the saide feast of Easter next comminge, haue, and enioye to him, his heires, and successoures for euer, all fraternities, brotherheddes, and guildes, being within the

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Realme of England, and Wales, and other the kinges dominions: and al manours, landes, tenements, and other hereditamentes belonginge to them, or any of them other then such corporations, guildes fraternities, companies, and felowshippes of misteries, or crafts, & the manors Landes, and tenements, and other hereditaments, perteining to the saide corporations, guildes, fraternities, cõpanies, & felowships of misteries or craftes aboue mencyoned: and shall by vertue of this acte bee iudged and deemed in actual and real possession of our said soueraigne Lorde the king, his heires and successours, from the sayd feast of Easter next comming for euer, without any inquisitions or office therof to be had or found.

And also be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that our said soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours, at his and their will and pleasure, may direct his, and their commissiõs and commission vnder the great Seale of Englande to such persons, as it shall please hym. And that the same commissioners, or two of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the said commission, as well to Survey all and synguler laye corporations, guyldes, fraternyties, companyes, and felowshippes of mysteryes or craftes incorporate, and euerye of them, as all other the said fraternities, brotherheddes, and guyldes wythin the lymites of their Commission to them directed: And all the Euydences, Compositions, bookes of accomptes, and other wrytinges of euerie of them, to the intente thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges was payed or bestowed to the fyndinge, or mayntenaunce of anye Preist, or priestes anniuersarie, or obite, or other lyke thynge, light or lampe, by them, or anye of them, as also to inquire, searche, and trie by al such wayes and meanes, as to them shall bee thoughte meete and conuenient, what manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other heredytamentes, profytes, commodities, emolumentes, and other thynges bee geeuen, lymitted, or appoynted to our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge by thys acte within the lymittes of their commyssion. And also that the same commissioners or two of them at the least, by vertue of thys acte, and of the commission to them directed, shall haue full power and auctoritie to assigne, and shall appoynt in euerye suche place where guylde, fraternitie the Preest, or incumbent of anye Chauntrie in esse, the first daye of thys present Parliament, by the foundation ordynaunce, the first institution thereof, shoulde or oughte to haue kepte a Grammer Schole, or a Preacher, and so hath doone sythen the feast of Saint Michael the Archaungell last past, Landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes of euerye suche Chauntrye, guylde, and fraternitie to remayne, and continue in succession to a Schoole Master or Preacher for euer, for, and towarde the keepinge of a Grammer Schole, or Preachinge, and for suche Godly ententes, and purposes,

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and in such maner and fourme, as the same Commissioners, or two of them at the least shal assigne or appoint: And also to make and ordeine a Vicar to haue perpetuitie for euer, in euerye paryshe Churche the first daye of thys present Parliament, being a colledge, free chappel, or chauntrie, or appropriated, annexed, or vnited to any colledge, free chappel, or chauntrie, that shal come to the kinges handes by vertue of thys acte, and to endowe euerie suche Vicare sufficiently, hauing respect to his cure and charge, the same endowement to be to euery such Vicar, and to his successours for euer, without anye other licence, or graunt of the kinge, the Bishoppe, or other Officers of the Dioces. And also the saide commissioners, or two of them at the least, shall haue auctoritye by force of this acte, to assygne in euerye greate Towne or parishe, where they shal thinke necessarie to haue moe Priests then one for the ministring of the Sacramentes, within the same Towne or parishe, Landes, and tenementes belonginge to anie Chauntrie, chappell, or stipendary Priest being within the same towne or parishe the first day of this present Parliament, to bee to suche person and persons, as the saide commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall assygne, or appoint to continue in succession for euer, for, and towardes the sufficyent finding, and maintenance of one, or moe Priestes wythin the same towne or paryshe, as by the saide commissioners, or two of them shall bee thought necessarie, or conuenient. And alwel to make ordinaunces and rules, concerning the seruice, vse, and demeanour of euerie suche Priest and Scholemaster, as is aforesaid, to be appointed, as also by what name or names, he and they shall from henceforth be named and called. And also that the sayde commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, and of the saide commission to them directed, to assigne alwel to euery deane, Master, warden, prouost, and other Incumbent, and minister of any of the saide colledges, free chappelles, or chauntryes, beynge wythin the limittes of their commission, whiche hereafter shall bee dissolued, or determined by vertue of this act, as to euerye stypendary Priest, and other Priest, whose Salarye the kinge shalbee intituled vnto by thys acte, as to euery felow and poore person, hauing yearely reliefe oute of any of the saide colledges, free chappelles, or chauntries beinge within the limittes of their commission, suche seuerall yerely annuities, pencyons, or other recompences, during their seuerall liues, as to the same commissioners, or two of them shall bee thoughte meete and conuenyent. And ouer that the sayde commissioners, or twoe of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the commission to them directed, to inquire, and trye by suche wayes and meanes as they shall thinke meete and conuenyent, what money profyte and benefyte anie poore person or persones by vertue of anye conueighance, assurance, composicion, wil deuise, or otherwise, heretofore had,

had or made, intended or meant to haue continuaunce for euer, had, or enioyed, within fiue yeares next before the beginninge of thys present parliament out of any colledge, free chappell, or chaūtry, & other ỳ premisses geuē, limitted, or appointed to the king by this act, being, within the limittes of their cōmission. And thereupon to make assignemēts and orders in suche maner and fourme, as all and singuler suche sayde money, profite and commoditie shall bee payed to poore people for euer: Accordinge to suche saide assurauunce, composition, will, deuise, or other thing had, or made, for the same, and to assigne and appoint, landes, tenements, or other hereditaments, parcel of the premisses for the maintenaunces and continuance of the same for euer, and also to appoint to fraternityes, brotherheddes, and guildes, landes, tenements, & hereditamentes parcell of the premisses towardes and for the maintenaunce of piers, iutties, walles, or bankes, against the rages of the sea, hauens and creekes. And that all and singuler annuities, pencions, and other recompences, shalbe halfe yerely paied to ỳ persons, to whom the same ought to be payed by the kynges Receyuour for the time beinge, of hys landes commonly called the suppressed lands, or other his reuenues, liing in the countie, or citie where such colledge, free chappel, or chaūtrie or other the premisses geuen, limitted or appointed to the kinge, by this act, the first day of this present parliament, were or remained, without any fee or reward therefore to be paied: The first payment to begin at the feast of saynt Michael the Archaungell next comminge. And that euery suche receiuour, vpon his accompt, shal haue full and due allowaunce of all such annuities, pencions, & other recompences by him payed, by vertue of any such assignementto be made, by the said commissioners or two of them at the least.

And it is also ordeined & enacted by thauctholitie of this preſēt Parliament, that the said commissioners, and euery of them, that shal take vpon him ỳ execution of any of the said commissions, shalbe bound, as he wil answer before God, to execute ỳ cōmissiō, to him & others directed beneficially towardes the deanes, maisters, wardens, prouosts, & other incumbents, and ministers aforesaide, and towardes the poore people, concerning the said assignements, and also towards ỳ maintenance of piers, iutties, walles, or bankes, agaynst the rages of the sea, hauens & creekes: And that al maner of assignements & ordinaunces to be made by the said commissioners, or two of thē at the least and certified vnder their seales, or the seales of two of thē at the least, into the kinges court of the augmentations & reuenues of his crowne, or to anye other court or courtes, by the kinges maiesty to be made or assigned, shal by vertue of this acte, and of the saide commissions, bee as good and effectuall in the law to al intents, cōstructiōs, and purposes, as though the same had ben assigned & ordeined by auctholitie of this present parliamēt by expresse and apte wordes, termes, and sentences.

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Prouided also, that such annuities, pencions, or other recompences, that the saide commissioners, or any of them, shal assigne or appoynt to be paide yerely to any such deane, master, warden, gouernour: or other incumbent, felow, or minister, shall not extend to any more clere yerely value, then such deane, master, warden, prouost, gouernor, or other incumbent, felow, or minister, or his predecessor lawfully had, or enioyed in money, meate, drink, liuery, or allowance of the same yerely, within fiue yeres, next before the beginning of this present parliament.

Prouided also, that if any of the said masters, wardēs, prouosts, gouernors, or other incūbents, felow, or ministers, shal at any time hereafter, during his life, be promoted by the king to any benefice, or other spiritual promocion, being of a better clere yerely value then hys sayde annuitie or pencion, or other recōpence shalbe of: that then thannuitie, penciō, or other recōpence, that any such deane, master, wardē, gouernor, prouost. or other incūbent, felow, minister, ẏ so shalbe ꝓmoted shall haue, shal ymediatly after such ꝓmotiō had, cease, & vtterly determine.

And be it ordeined & enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that the saide commissioners, or two of them at the least, to whō any cōmission by vertue or meane of this act, shalbe directed & delyuered shalbe bounden vpon the forfaiture, of euerye of them of a hundred pound, to make certificat vnder their seales, or the seales of two of thē at the least into the saide court of the augmentations, and reuenues of ẏ kings crowne, or into any other court, as is aforesaid, wthin one yeare next after the commission to them directed, of al manours, lands, tenements, rents, tithes, portions, pēcions, hereditaments, & recompences by the same commissioners or two of them, assigned or appointed to any of the vses, intents, or purposes aboue mencioned.

And also be it ordeined & enacted, by thauctoritye of this prelēt parliament, that our souereigne lord the king shall haue and enioy al suche goods, cattels, iuels, plate, ornamentes, & other moueables, as were or be the common goods of euery such college, chauntrie, freechappell, or stipendarie priest, belonginge or annexed to the furniture or seruices of their seuerall foundations, or abused of any of the saide corporatiōs, in the abuses aforesaid, ẏ propertie whereof was not altered nor chaūged before the. viij. day of December in ẏ yere of our lorde god M. D. xlviij.

And it is also ordeined & enacted by thauctoritie of this prelēt Parliament, that al suche debtes & summes of money, as ought, or shoulde without fraude or couin hereafter bee payed of the money or goodes of any of ẏ said colleges, due, or paiable, by reason of any cōtract, specialty or promise, had or made, before the same viij. day, shall truely & fully bee paied by ẏ treasorer of the kings court of thaugmētations & reuenues of his crowne, or by ẏ tresorer or receiuer of any other court, to whiche any of the premisses shalbe appointed of the kynges treasure, beinge in his or their handes, with as conuenient speede, as ẏ same may be paid.

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Prouyded alwaies, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any article, clause, or matter conteyned in the same, shal not in any wise extend to any Colledge, Hostell, or hall, being within either of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxford, nor to any Chauntrie founded in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halles, beinge in the same Uniuersities, nor to the free Chappel of Saint George the Martir, situate in the Castell of Windesor, nor to the Colledge called Saint Mary colledge of Winchester, besides Winchester, of the foundation of Bishop Wickham, nor to the colledge of Eaton, nor to the parish church, cōmonly called the chappel in the sea in Newton, within ẏ Isle of Ely in the countie of Cambridge, nor to any manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, to them, or to any of them perteyning or belonginge, nor to any Chappell made or ordeyned, for the ease of the people, dwelling distaunt from the parish church, or such like chappell, whereunto no more lands or tenements then the church yard, or a little house or close doth belong or pertaine, nor to any Cathedrall church or Colledge, where a Bishops Sea is within this Realme of Englād, or in Wales, nor to the Manors, landes, tenements, or other heredytaments of any of them, other then to such Chauntries, Obytes, lightes, and lampes, or any of them, as at any time within fyue yeres next before the beginning of this present Parliament, haue bene had, vsed, or mainteyned, within the said Cathedral churches, or within any of thē, or the issues, reuenues, or profites of any of the said cathedral churches, to which Chauntries, Obites, lyghtes and lampes, it is enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this acte shall extende.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that our Soueraigne Lorde the kinge at any time during his life (which God longe preserue,) may at his will & pleasure, alter and change the name or names, of all and singuler Chauntries, and the foundations of the same, being in any of the Colledges, Hostelles, or Halles, of any of the said Uniuersities, according as to his godly wysedome shalbe thought meete and conuenient.

Sauing to all and euery person and persons, bodyes politique & corporate, their heires and successors, and the heires and successors of euerie of them, other then the Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Gouernors Rulers, Priestes, Incumbentes, Fellowes, and Brethren of the sayd Colledges, Chauntries, Freechappels, and other the premisses, gyuen, lymitted, or appointed to the king by this act, & the successors of them, and euery of them, and other then such as bee, or pretende to be foundours, patrons, or donours of the premisses, or any of them, or of any part or parcel thereof, and the heires, successors, and assignes of euery, or any of them: and other then such as be, or were feoffees, recoueries, conisees, grauntees, or deuisees, of any of the premisses, to, or for any of the vses, purposes, or intents aboue mēcioned, or to the vse of any of the

ſaid Colledges, Freechapels, chauntries, or other the premiſſes, geuen, limitted, or appointed by this acte to the king, or to the intent to employ the rents or profites therof, to the vſe of the Maſters, Rulers, Incumbentes, or Miniſters of them or any of them: and other then ſuch perſon and perſons, and bodyes politike and corporate, their heires, ſucceſſors, and aſſignes, as claime or pretende to haue eſtate, right, tytle, intereſt, vſe, poſſeſſion, or condicion, of, in, or to the premiſſes, or any part or parcel thereof, by reaſon of any feoffement, fyne, bargaine and ſale, or by any other wayes, meanes, or conueyghance to them made, of any eſtate of inheritaunce, without the ſaid late kinges licence, aſſent, conſent, or agreement, and without the licence, aſſent, or agreement of the kinges Maieſtie that nowe is, by any of the ſaide Deanes, Maſters, wardens, Miniſters, gouernors, rulers, prieſtes, or incumbents, or by the Foundors, Donors, or patrons of them or of any of them, all ſuche right, tytle, claime, poſſeſſion, intereſt, rentes, annuities, commodyties, cõmons, offices, fees, leaſes, liueries, lyuinges, pẽcions, porcions, debts, dueties, and other profites, which they or any of them lawfully haue, or of right ought to haue or might haue had, in, of, or to any of the premiſſes, or in, of, or to any part or parcel thereof, in ſuch like maner, fourme, and condicion, to al intentes, reſpectes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as if this act had neuer bene had nor made, and as though the ſaid chauntries, colleges, and other the ſaid promocions, had ſtill continued & remayned in their full being. And ſauing to all and euery Patron, Donour, foundour, or gouernour of any ſuch colledge, chauntrie, freechappel, Stipendary Prieſtes, and other the premiſſes, geuen, lymitted, or appointed to the king by this acte, and the donour, feoffour, & geuer of the aforeſaid landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, to them, or any of them, or to any vſes or purpoſes before mencioned, all ſuch rentes ſeruices, rentes ſecke, rentes charge, fees, annuities, profites, and offices, and alſo leaſes for terme of lyfe, lyues, and yeres, whereupon the accuſtomed rent or more is reſerued, as they or any of them lawfully had, perceyued and enioyed, in, out, or of any the ſaid promocions, or out of any of the ſaid landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, before the fyrſt day of this preſent Parliament.

And ouer that it is ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie of thys preſent Parliament, that all and euery perſon & perſons being in lyfe, which haue or hath for any ſumme of money to him or them paied, bargayned, or ſolde, any manors, landes, tenementes, or other heredytaments aforeſaid, whereunto the king our ſoueraigne Lord is intituled by vertue of this acte, ſhall repay to ſuch perſon, as ſo bought any of the ſayde Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or to hys executours or aſſignes, vpon a requeſt therefore made, or within three Monethes, then next enſuyng the ſame requeſt, as much money as he or they receiued for the ſale of any thing ſo by hym or them ſolde.

And for none payment thereof, such person and persons as purchased or bought the said landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, or any parcell thereof, and their executors and administrators, shalbee enabled by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, to sue and maintaine an action of debt at the cõmon lawes of this Realme, against such person or persons, as so bargained or sold to him or thẽ, or to their testatour any of the premisses, belonging to any colledge, chauntrie, freechappel, or other promocion spirituall, in which action of debt, none essoine protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that all and euery of the said Chauntries, Colledges and Freechapels, & other the premisses, gyuen, lymitted, or appointed to the king by this acte, and all the manion houses, Manors, landes, tenements, possessions, & hereditaments, and other the premisses, whatsoeuer they be, geuen, limited, & appointed to the king by this acte, and euery part and parcel of them, which by auctoritie and vertue of this acte, bene vested, adiudged, & demed, or shalbe in the kinges Maiesties possession & handes, or which the king shalbe entitled vnto by vertue of this acte, shalbe in the order, survey and gouernaunce of our Soueraigne Lord the kinges court of the Augmentacions & reuenues of his Crowne, or in such other court, as the king at any time hereafter shal assigne, name, or appoint, and so shall, and may be graunted, letten, and set to the farme by the Chauncellor, officers, and ministers of the same Court, or of any other Court so to be appointed, in such maner and fourme, as other manors, landes, tenementes, appointed to the same Court of Augmentations, and reuenues of his graces Crowne, or other Court so to be appointed, bene to be graunted or letten. And that all the farmes, issues, reuenues, and profites, comming & growing of the same premisses, and of euery part thereof, shalbe taken and receyued to the kinges vse, by the officers and ministers of the same court or courtes, in such maner and fourme, as is vsed and had of other manors, landes, and tenementes, & of the issues, reuenues, and profites of the same, committed to the order, rule, survay, and gouernaunce of the said court of the Augmentacions and reuenues of the kinges Crowne, or any other Court so to be appointed: any acte, statute, ordinaunce, custome, or vse, heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the saide Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Rulers, Gouernors, Priestes, Incumbentes, or owners of any such Colledge, chauntrie, freechappel, or of any the premisses, geuen, lymitted, or appointed to the king by this acte, or of any of them, sithens the xvij. day of November, in the xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the said late king haue made any leas, vnder his or their common Seale, or otherwise, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyues, of their said Colledges, chauntries, freechappels, or of other the same pre-

misses, or of any part thereof, or of any Manors, Landes, tenementes, possessions or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, to them, or to any of them, vnited or annexed, belonging, or appertayning, vpon the whiche leases the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to bee yelden and reserued, or more by the space of xx. yeres, next before the said xxiij. day of Nouember, not reserued and yelden, shalbe vtterly voide and of none effect. And that all other leases and grauntes heretofore made of any the premisses, geuen, limited, or appointed to the king by this acte, shalbe as good auaileable and effectuall in the law, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer beene had or made, any thing in thys acte, or any other acte heretofore had or made, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, and be it further ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extende to any Manors, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes, which the sayde Maisters, Wardens, Ministers, Chauntry priestes, incumbents, or other the said Gouernors, Officers, Ministers or rulers of the premisses, or of any of them, hath, or is, or hereafter shal haue or be possessed, or seised of, in fee simple, fee taile general or special, for terme of life, terme of yeres, or otherwise, to his or their owne proper vses, by inheritaunce or purchase, and not being at any time vnyted or annexed to his or their saide Colledges, Freechappells, Chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, lymitted, or appointed to the kinge by this acte: nor shall extend to any manors, landes, tenementes, possessions, rentes, annuities, and yerely pension or pencions, or to any yerely summe or summes of money, beeing not vnited or parcel of any the said Colleges, and other the premisses aforesaid, or of any of them heretofore geuen or graunted by the said late king, or geuen or graunted, or hereafter to bee geuen or graunted by the king our Soueraigne Lord, to any of the said Deanes, Maisters, wardens, ministers, Chauntrie Priestes, Incumbents, gouernors, or rulers of the premisses, or of any of them, for terme of life onely, vnder his great Seale of England, or vnder the Seale of the Court of the Augmentations, and reuenues of the kinges Crowne, or any other of the kinges seales, or any of hys Counties any thing conteyned in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that aswell all and euery Patron, Donour, foundour, and geuer of any of the said premotions, or premisses, or geuer donour, or feoffour, of any their landes, tenementes, possessions, or other hereditamentes, as all and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, which before the makinge of this acte, lawfully without fraude or couyne, had, or enioyed any maner of rent or other yerely profites to bee taken, perceyued or had, of any Chauntries, Colledges, Free chapels, or other the

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premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the king by this acte, or out of any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions of them, or any of them, shall haue and enioy the same, in like maner and fourme, as they should and ought to haue done, if the said Colleges, chauntries, free chappels and other the premisses, geuen, limitted, or appointed to the kinge by this acte, had still remained and continued in Esse, and still being: any thing in this acte mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any such Gouernor, ruler, warden, maister, incumbent, minister, or other hauing any of the said spiritual promocions or incumbentes, haue or shall compounde for the first Fruites of any such spirituall promocions, according to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and the daies of payment of any part thereof not expired before the first day of this parliament, that all summes of money so to be due and payable vnto the said first day of this Parliament, shal cease and be not paied, sued, or demaunded: any bonde, recognisaunce, suertie, or other thinge had or made to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctority afore said, that al such rentes, seruices, issues, profites, and other summes of money payable out of, or for any of the premisses, or any of them, in the kings court of his Exchequer, shal continue, and be continually and truely leuyed, charged or paied in the same Court, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore hath bene vsed: any law, custome, vnitie of possession in the kinges highnes, or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding. And as though the said promocions, Manors, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses had not come to the kinges handes or possession.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery lettres Patentes, made by the said late king Henry the eight, or by the kings Maiestie that now is, or hereafter to be made by his highnesse, to any person or persons, or to any Archbishop or Bishop, of any of the saide Colleges, Chauntries, Frees chappells, or other the premisses, or any part or parcel of them, or of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, belonging or appertayning, or that did belong or appertaine to them, or to any of them. And all fines, gifres, grauntes, feoffements, recouries, & al other assurances & conueyghannces thereof had or made, by the assent, consent, or licence, vnder the great Seale of England, of the said late kinge Henry the eyght, or of the kings Maiestie that now is, to any person or persones, bodyes politique or corporate, by name Chauntry priests, Maister, warden, Minister, ruler, gouernor, or other hauinge any of the saide promocions, of name of the sayde Colledges, Chauntries, Free chapels, or other the premisses, or of any of them, or of any part, parcel, or member of the same, shall stand and bee in their force and effectes, and shalbee good and effectuall in the lawe, for such

estates and interestes, geuen, graunted, limitted, or appointed in anie of the giftes, graūts, assurances, or conueighances therof had or made, accordyng to their purportes, in fourme & maner, and according to the true entent and meaning of the same assurances, and shalbe by auctheritie of thys acte, good, parfite, and auaileable, aswel against the king, his heires and successours, as against the saide chauntrie prestes, wardens, masters, rulers, gouernours, and other hauinge anye of the sayde promocions, and their successours, and the successors of euery of them: as also against the foundours, donours, and patrons of the same, & the ordinary of them, and euery of them, and the heires and successours of euery of them: any lawe, statute, ordinaunce, or other thing, to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And where diuers and sundrie Bishoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Treasourours, Prebendaries, Chauntrie prestes, masters, prouostes, Rulers, Gouernours, of anye Deaneries, Archedeaneries, Treasorourshippes, Prebendes, free chappelles, Chauntries, or Colleges, win this realme of England, and other the kings Maiesties dominions, or any of the patrons, foundors, or donours of any of the Bishoprickes, Treasourourshippes, Deanries, Chauntries, free chappels, or other the said Spiritual promocions, of their voluntary willes or mindes, for dyuers good and reasonable causes and considerations, by deede or dedes enrolled, or by other writings, or conueighances heretofore haue geuen & graūted to the late king of famous memory Henry the eight, late king of Englād, & to his heires, or to our souereigne lord the king that nowe is, and to his heires, diuers of their Deanries, Archedeaneries, Treasourourshippes, Prebendes, Chappelles, Chauntries, & colleges, or anie other ecclesiasticall or spiritual promocions last before remembred and all, or some part of the manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pencions, annuities, rents, reuercions, and other reuenues, hereditaments, possessions, emolumentes & profites, to the same Bishoprickes, deaneries, colleges, and other like promocions, benefices, offices, & dignities, or to any of them belonging, appertayning, vnited, or annered, or which the said Bishoppes, deanes, archedeacons, treasorors, chauntrie prestes, masters, prouostes, rulers, gouernours, and other Ecclesiastical, or spiritual officers or ministers, or any of the said patrons, donours, or foūdours, or any of them had, or enioyed in the right, or by reason of anie of the same promocions, offices, or dignities.

Be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesaide, that all and euery giftes, and grauntes heretofore made to the said late king, and to hys heires, or to our souereigne lord the king that now is, and to his heires, by any Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, Deane, Archdeacon, Treasourour, Prebendary, Master, Prouost, gouernour, or other the saide Ecclesiasticall or spiritual person or persons, or by any patrones, donour, or foundour of any

any of the said Deanries, Chauntries, or other of the said spiritual or Ecclesiastical promocions, or of all, or any of the manors, landes, tenementes, tythes, rentes, reuersions, pencions, porcions, annuities, or other hereditaments, reuenues, emoluments, profites, or commodities, to any of the said benefices, offices, prebendes, promocions, or dignities belonging, appertayning, vnyted or annexed, or which any of the same Archbishoppes, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasourers, Maisters, Prouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernors, Officers, or Ministers, Patrons, Foundours, or Donours, had or enioyed, or haue, or enioy, or ought to haue or enioy, in the right, or by reason, or meanes of any of the same promocions, offices, or dignities, shalbee good & effectuall in the lawe, to al intentes and purpoles: Saueing to all and euery person and persons, and bodies politike and corporate, their heires, successors, and assignes, and to the heires, successors, and assignes of euerie of them, other then the Archbishops, Bishopps, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasoiers, Prebendaries, Rulers, gouernors, wardens, Prouostes, geuers, and grauntors of any of the premisses, & their heires, successors, and assignes, and other then such ecclesiastical or spirituall persons, bodies politike or corporate, as are or pretende to be foundors, donors, patrons, or ordinaries of the premisses, or any of them, all such rightes, titles, interestes, claimes, entries, rentes, reuersions, remainders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenementes, hereditaments, profites, commodies, and emolumentes, as they or any of them haue, or should, or ought to haue had, of, in, or to the premisses, next aboue mencioned, or any part thereof, as if this acte had neuer bene had or made: any thing in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, or any thing therein conteined, shal not in any wise extend to make good or effectual, any gift, graunt, bargaine, sale, or alienation, made by any Parson or Vicar of their Parsonages or Vicaradges, or of any part or parcell thereof, or of any thing to them or any of them belonging or appertayning.

Prouided also that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not in any wise extend to hynder or preiudice George Brooke knight, Lord Cobham, his heires or assignes, for or concerning the late Colledge of Cobham, in the Countie of Kent, or the Manors, landes, tenementes, or possessions thereof: any thing aboue mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that thys present act, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall in any wise extende or be preiudicial or hurtfull to the generall Corporation of any City, borough, or towne within this Realme, or any other the kinges dominions, ne shall extende to any the landes, or hereditamentes of them, or any of them: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that al such of the said Colleges, free chappels, chauntries, and other the premisses, being appointed and geuen to the kinges highnes, by the auctoritie of this act, as be within the Duchy of Lancaster, and all manors, lands, tenementes, and hereditamentes, pertayning or belonging to the same Colleges, free chappells, and chauntries, shall after the said feast of Easter next comming, be within the suruey & order of the court of the Duchy of Lancaster, in such maner and fourme, as other the premisses be assigned or appointed by auctoritie of this acte, to bee in the suruey and order of the Court of the Augmentacions and reuenues of the kinges Crowne, or other court by the king to be assigned: And that all commissions that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue & force of this acte, concerning such colleges, free chappels, chauntries, and other the premisses, as be within the said Duchy of Lancaster, shalbe awarded vnder the great Seale of Englande, and shalbe certified into the same Court of the Duchy of Lancaster: any thinge abouesaid to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that this acte, ne any thing therein conteined, shall extende to the College or chauntrie of Attylbourgh in the countie of Norffolke, which the sayde late king Henry the eyght gaue to Robert, late Earle of Suffer, and to his heires, but that Henry now Earle of Suffer, sonne and heire to the said late Earle, his heires & assignes, shall & may by auctoritie of this acte, haue and enioy the said college and chauntrie, and all Manours, Landes, Tenementes, aduowsons, tythes, pencions, portcions, & other hereditaments thereunto belonging or appertaining: any thing in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and by the auctority aforesaid, be it enacted, that the kinges Maiestie, at any time, when it shall seeme to him good, may geue auctoritie to certeine his graces Commissioners, to alter the nature and condicion of all maner of Obytes, aswell within the Vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, as in any other place within this his graces Realme of England & Wales, being not suppressed ne annichilate by vertue of this present acte, and the same Obites so altered, to dispose to a better vse, as to the releefe of some poore men being Studentes or otherwise.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that it shall not be lawfull to any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate, by reason of any remainder, vse, or condicion, to enter into, clayme, or challenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the non doynge, not naminge, or none finding of any such Priest or Priestes, or poore folkes, as is aforesaid, obite, anniuersarie, lyght, or lampe, from henceforth to be founden or done: any thing herein conteyned to the contrarye in any wise notwithstanding.

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Prouided alwaies, that this act, nor any thing therein conteined, shal in any wise extend to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditaments whatsoeuer, that any Maister, Deane, Prebendary, Warden, or Chauntrie, or any Stipendarie priest of any College, chauntrie, prebende, fraternitie, guyld, or any other corporations, haue or held of any person or persons, by Coppe of Court Rolle, or at will, according to the custome of any manour or manours, nor geue or graunt any Copyhold landes to the kinges hyghnes.

And also prouided, that the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, shall not in any wise haue, holde, enioy, or take by vertue of this acte, or any article therin conteyned, any maner of copihold, lands, tenements, possessions, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be: but that all & euerie of the said persons and incumbentes, shall haue, hold, and enioy the same, during their liues, towardes their pencion & yerely lyuing, paying the rentes, and doing their customes & seruices thereof due & accustomed: any thing in this acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided, that this acte shal not extende to any landes, tenementes, or heredytamentes, assigned, appointed, or intended for the fynding or maintenaunce of any chauntrie Priest or stipendarie priest, whych by any former right and good title, without fraude or couine, were lawfully recouered from the possession of any such Chauntrie priest or stypendarie priest, before the first day of October, the laide xxviij. yere of the reigne of the said late kinge Henry the eight, which landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes were not charged, nor chargeable to the payment of the perpetual Tenth: any thing in this acte, to the contrarye hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singuler grauntes, licences, confirmations, & letters Patentes, which our late soueraigne lord king Henry the eight, or our soueraigne the king that now is, haue made vnder the great Seale of Englande, to any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate, of any College, Chappel, or Chauntrie, now being in esse or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or of any Lordshippes, manors, landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes annexed, vnited, belonging or appertayning to any college, chappel, or chauntrie, now being in Esse, or standing or now not being in Esse or not standing, or of any other thing or things mencioned, expressed, or conteyned in any such graunt, licence, confirmation, or letters Patentes, shal from henceforth be deemed, taken, expounded & adiudged good & effectual in the law, according to the wordes sentences, meaninges, intents, fourme, & effectes of the same graunts, licences, confirmations, and letters Patentes, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if this acte, and the said acte made in the said xxviij. yere of the said late king Henry the eyght, had neuer ben had nor made:

made. And that this acte, or the said acte made in the said xxxvij. yere of the reigne of our said Soueraigne Lord king Henry the eight, or any clause, article, sentence, or other thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to any Colleges, Chappels, chauntries, or other thing or things mencioned in this act, now being in Esse, or standing, or now not being in Esse or not standing, or to any Manors, lands, tenementes, possessions, reuenues or hereditamentes, annexed, united, belonging or appertayning to any College, Chappel, Chauntrie, or other thing mencioned in this acte, now being in esse or standing, or now not being in esse, or not standing, or to any other thing or things mencioned or expressed in this acte: which any person or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, haue had or obteyned, by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters Patentes of the said late king, or of the kinges Maiestie that now is: nor shall extend to any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, reuenues, possessions, hereditaments, or other thing or thinges mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any such licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters Patentes: but that euery such person and persons, bodies politike & corporate, their heires & successors, and assignes, and the heires, successors & assignes of euery of them, shall haue, holde, and enioy, all and euery the same Colleges, Chapells, Chauntries, Manors, landes, tenementes, Reuennes, Possessions, and Hereditamentes, and all and euery other thing and thinges whatsoeuer, so by them had or obteyned, by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters Patentes, of the said late king, or of the kinges Maiestie that now is, according to the wordes, sentences, fourme, effect, meaning, & intent of the same licences, confirmations, grauntes, and Letters Patentes: this acte or the said acte made in the saide xxxvij. yere of the Reigne of the said late king Henry the eight, or any clause, article, sentence, matter, or thing mencioned, expressed, or conteyned in any of the same actes, to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwythstanding.

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¶ An acte concerning the kings moſt gracious generall pardon.

The xv. Chapiter.

THe kynges moſte Royal Maieſtie right well perceyuing hys louing ſubiects by many and ſundry waies and meanes, to haue borne & ſuſteyned the great aduentures, charges, and buſineſſe of warres, & defenſes of thys hys realme, aſwell in the tyme of his moſt deare father kynge Henrie the eyght, as in hys tyme and reygne, entendinge of hys clemencie and pitie to gratifye hys ſayde ſubiectes with hys gracyous free and liberall pardon, accordinge to hys kyngly power, truſting aſſuredly that his ſaid ſubiects wil continue his louing & aſſured obediēt ſubiects, & hereafter in ſuch ſort obey his highnes lawes & ſtatutes, as to them, and euery of them of right apperteineth: is fully and reſolutely contented & pleaſed, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, in maner & fourme folowing, that is to ſay, that all and euery of his ſaid ſubiects, aſwel ſpirituall as temporall, of thys hys realme of England, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey & Garneſey, Barwike, Caleis, Guiſnes, Hammes, Bulleyn, and Bullonoys, and the marches of the ſame, the heires ſucceſſours, executours, and adminiſtratours of them & euery of them, and al and ſinguler bodies in any maner of wiſe corporate, Cities, Borouges, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tithings, and euery of them, and the ſucceſſor and ſucceſſors of euerye of them, ſhalbee by the auctoritie of thys preſent Parliament acquited, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged agaynſt the kynges highnes, hys heires, ſucceſſours, and executours, and euerye of them, of all maner of Treaſons, Hereſies, Felonies, robberies, offences, Contemptes, Treſpaſſes, wronges, deceiptes, miſdemeanors, forfeitures, penalties, and profits, ſummes of money, peines of death, peines corporal and pecuniarie, and all other thinges, cauſes, quarels, ſuites, iudgementes, and executions, which may be, or can be by his highneſſe in anye wiſe, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the xxv. day of December, in the yeare of our Lorde God a M.CCCCC.xlvij. Other then ſuche as hereafter in thys acte bee accepted or foreprized, in ſuch maner and forme, and vnto ſuch times as they be excepted or foreprized in thys act: and other then ſuch as the clauſes or prouiſoes hereafter mencioned, doth extend vnto. And alſo the kings highnes is further contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that this hys ſayd free pardon ſhalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, to euery of hys ſayde ſubiects, bodies corporate, and other before rehearſed, and to euerye of them, by the ſaide generall

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wordes before rehearsed in all thinges, which be not hereafter in thys present acte excepted and forprised, as the same Pardon should haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, quarrells, iudgements, executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted nor conteyned in any clause of Prouiso hereafter mencioned, had bene particularly, singularly, specially, & plainly named rehersed, & specified, & also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kindes, natures, & qualities, by wordes & termes thereunto requisite, to haue bene put in, and expressed in this present acte of free pardon: and that his said Subiects nor any of them, nor the heires executors or administrators of any of them, nor any of the sayde bodies corporate, nor any other persons, bodies politike or corporate, before named, or any of them, bee, nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodyes, goodes, landes, or cattels, for any maner matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanor, forfeiture, trespasse, offence, or any other thinge, suffred, done, or committed against his highnes, his Crowne, dignity, prerogatiue, law, or statutes, but onely for such matters, causes, and offeces, as be rehearsed in the exceptions & clauses of Prouiso, in this present acte hereafter mencioned, in such maner & forme, as in the same exceptions & clauses of Prouiso be mencioned, & for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or president heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Also the kinges highnes, of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, graunteth and freely geueth to euery of his said subiectes, and to euery of the said bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of them, all such goodes, catteles, debtes, fines, issues, profites, amerciaments, forfeitures, and summes of money by any of them forfeited, which to his highnes doe, or should belonge or appertaine, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespas, misdemeanor, matter, cause, or quarrel, suffred, done, or committed by them, or any of them, which be not hereafter forprised or excepted in this present acte. And that al and euery the kinges said Subiectes, and al and singuler bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, may by him or themselfe, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attorney or attorneys, according to the lawes of this Realme, plead and mynister thys present acte of free Pardon for his or their discharge, of and for euery thing, that is by vertue of this present act pardoned, discharged, geuen or graunted, without any fee or other thing, in any wise paying to any person or persons, for writing or entrie of the iudgement, or other cause concerning such plee, writing or entrie, but onely xij.d. to be paid to the Officer or Clerke that shall enter the plee, matter, or iudgement for the discharge of any the partie so pleading the same: any statute or vse to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented and pleased, that

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it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that his said free pardon, by the general woordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, and iudged, allowed, and taken in all maner of Courtes, & els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of exceptions and forpryses, specified in this present act, as in all and singuler other clauses, words and sentences, mencioned and rehearsed in this his said free pardone most beneficially and auaileably, to all and singuler his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, & to euery of them, in all thinges ambiguous, or doubtfull, and most strongly in barre and dyscharge against his highnes, his heires, successors, and executours, in euery thinge, without any obstacle, challenge, or other delay, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleaged by the king our Soueraigne Lorde his heires, successors, or executors, or by his or any of their generall attorney or attorneis, or by any person or persones, for his highnes, or any of his heires, successors, or executors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the kinge our soueraigne Lord, by aucthority of this present Parliament, that if any Officer or Clerke, of any of his hyghnes Courts, cōmonly called the kinges Bench, Chauncerie, & Common place, or of his Exchequer, or any other officer or clerk of any other Court within this Realme, or in Wales, or other the kings dominions aboue mencioned, at any time after the xx. day of January next comming, which shalbe in the yere of our lord God, a M.CCCCC xlvij. make out, or writ out any maner writtes, or other proces, or any extractes, summons, or other preceptes, whereby any of the saide subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreyned, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greued in hys or their bodyes, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattels, or in any of them, for, or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending, & thereof lawfully condempned, shal yelde and pay for the recompence thereof to the partie so grieued or offended treble damages, to be accompted as parcel of the damages and costes of the suit. And neuerthelesse, all and singuler such writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpon any maner thinge pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voide and of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forprised out of this generall & free pardone, all and all maner of hygh Treason, petite Treason, and misprision of Treason, done, committed, or perpetrated, in any of the parties beyond the sea, and all and all maner of Treason done or committed in any other place, by any person and persons, by any ouert deede, wherby any bodyly hurt or harme shal come, or be done to the kinges onely person, and all suites, punishmentes, executions, forfeitures and penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any of the same Treasons, before excepted.

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And excepted all prepenced and voluntary Murders, and also except all tytles of actions, of Quare impedit, all rauishments & withholding of the kinges wardes and wardes lands, and the profites of the same at any time growen to the kinges handes, or to any of his noble progenitours, and not yet discharged, all wastes of the kinges woodes, aswell in Parkes, Forestes, Chases, and els where, and all summes of money, graunted or promised to be paied, by way or meane of beneuolence or contribucion not paied & contented: and all and singuler debts other then debtes growen vpon Recognisances, being already forfeyted for suertie of the peace, good abearing, or for non apparaunce at any day or place. And excepted and forprised out of this pardone, all maner of accomptes, and all actions, suites, and impeticions for the same, and al arrerages of accomptes and debtes due for the same. And also excepted all homages, liueries, and reliefes, rentes, seruices, and arrerages of the same, not done, or not paied. And also excepted al debtes, whych were due to the kinges highnes, or to the said late king of famous memorye kinge Henry the viij. or to the late king Henry the vij. or to any person or persons, to the vse of the king our Soueraigne Lord, or of his said father, or king Henry the vij. by any condempnation, recognisãce, obligation, or otherwise. And also excepted al & singuler forfeitures being due to our soueraigne Lord the king, or to the said late king, by any penal statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debt, by iudgement, or by agreement of the offendor, and all forfeitures and other penalties and profites growen or due by reason of any offence or acte committed or done, contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law, whereof any seisure is made, or any information is geuen in the kings Exchequer, or any suite there commenced & now depending, and not yet determined. Or whereof the kinges highnes, or his said father, by bill assigned, or otherwise, haue made any gift or assignement, to any of the seruants of our said soueraigne Lord the king or of his said father, or to any other person or persons.

Also except and forprised out of this free pardone, all and all maner of forgeing, counterfeyting, washing, & clypping, of whatsoeuer money or coyne currant in this Realme, and the bringing into this Realme, of any false or counterfeit money or coyne, made, forged, or counterfeyt out of this Realme, & the vttering of any such false or counterfeyt money or coine, had, made, done, or perpetrated, sithen the xxvij. day of January last past, & all & all maner of offences, impeticions, punishments, forfeitures, peines of death, iudgementes, and execution for the same.

And also except and forprised out of this free pardone, all and singuler fines to bee had, made, or paied, by reason or meane of any alienatyon, had or made of any manors, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments without licence, sythen the said xxvij. day of January. Also except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of Manslaughters,

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Burgularies, robberies, of any person or persons, in any house or nere any high way, and wilfull burninge of houses, and wilful burninge of Barnes, in which Barnes any corne was, at the time of any such burninge, & all maner of Rauishments of any woman against her will, all felonious taking of any money or goodes, out of any Church or chapel, all and al maner of felonious taking of any horse, gelding, or mare, & all maner of Piracies & offences vpon the Sea, had, done, committed, or perpetrated, sithen the first day of August last past: and all manner of punishments, impeticions, forfeitures, peines of death, iudgementes, and executions for the same. And except and forprised out of thys free pardon, all, & all maner of intrusions, had, made, or done, sithen the said xxbij. day of January last past. And except & forprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of decaying of any meluage, cotage, or house, & the conuertinge of landes from tillage vnto pasture, contrary to any statute, heretofore had or made. And excepted and forprised the issues, reuenues, & profits, of all and singuler such Meluages, cotages, houses & landes, comming arysing, or growing, sithen the saide xxbij. day of January last past. And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and singuler Collectour or Collectours of any Subsidie, fyftene, beneuolence, or contribution, and other persons whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaunt, and the heires, executors, and administrators, of euery of them, of, for, and concerning all maner of debtes, accomptes, and arrerages of accomptes, & all maner of concealementes of customes and subsidies, and all maner of impeticions & suites for the same. And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and singuler person and persons, beyng the ij. day of December, in the yere of our Lord God M.D.xlbij. prysoners or prisoner in the Tower of London, & all and singuler persons & person, which at any time before the ij. day of December, did flie out of this Realme, into the parties beyond the sea, for any Treason or Misprision of treason. And except and forprised out of this free pardone, all issues, fynes and amerciamentes, affered, tared, set, extracted, or entred seuerally or perticulerly, extending to the summe of an C.s. or aboue. And that all and singuler other fines, aswel fines pro licentia concordandi as other, & all other issues & amerciaments, aswel reall as other, which seuerally or perticulerly extend not to the same summe of C.s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to ỹ charge of the shirif or not taken to his charge, extracted or not extracted, whether they be torned into debt, or not into debt, & not being leuied, nor receiued by any shirife or shirifes, baylife, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully, clerely & plainly pardoned & discharged against the king our soueraigne lord, his heires

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and ſucceſſors for euer, by this preſent acte of free pardone.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforeſaid, that in caſe it bee obiected, to, or againſt any Shirife or Shirifes, or other accomptantes in the kinges Court of Exchequer, or in any other his Courts, þ any Shirif or Shirifes, other thē thofficers accomptants, haue receyued or taken any ſuch fines, iſſues, or amerciaments, by this preſent act pardoned & acquited: that then euery ſuch Shirife & Shirifes, & other accomptants, ſhalbe diſcharged, releaſed, pardoned, & acquyted therof, by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alway, that this preſent act of free pardon, nor any thinge therein conteyned, in any wiſe extende to diſcharge, remit, or acquyte, any perſon and perſons, for any ſuch iſſues, fynes, or amerciaments of one C. ſhillinges, or vnder, as any Shirife heretofore haue accompted before the Barons of the kinges Exchequer, or els where, and payed the ſame iſſues, fynes, and amerciamentes, vpon his or their ſaid accompt, determyned to the kinges vſe, and hath his or theyr quietus eſt for the ſame.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that al and euery perſon and perſons, which haue tended or ought to ſue liuery out of the kings handes, of any manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, whatſoeuer they be, ſhall ſue hys or their Liuerie and Liueries, out of the kings hands, of his or their Manours, landes, tenementes, & hereditaments: any article, acte or actes, thing or thinges in this preſent act of generall and free pardone, compriſed and ſpecified to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaid, that it ſhalbe lawfull to all and euery Clerke, and other officer of any of the kinges Courtes, to awarde & make writtes of Capias vtlagarum, at the ſuit of the partie plaintife, to the intent to compell the defendaunt and defendaunts to make aunſwere to the plaintife, at whoſe ſuit he was outlawed. And that euery perſon now being outlawed, ſhal ſue a writ of Scire facias againſt the partie or parties, at whoſe ſuit he was outlawed, before his pardon in that behalfe ſhalbe allowed to him, that ſo is outlawed.

God ſaue the Kyng.

¶ Excuſum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftoni, Regij Impreſſoris.

Anno M.D.xlviij.

¶ Cum Priuilegio ad imprimendum.